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First Mideast country to obtain Hornets

Kuwait signs \$1.9b F-18 deal with US

WAIT yesterday signed a \$1.9-billion arms deal with the United States to buy 40 F-18 Hornet fighters along with 100 Maverick missiles and 100 Sidewinder missiles.

The contracts were signed by Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the US Secretary of Defense Oliver North and a representative of the manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Kuwait would be the first country in the Middle East to obtain such sophisticated fighter jets, fitted with air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, a Pentagon statement said.

The deal was finalized after a series of visits to Washington by Kuwaiti officials, including the Crown Prince, Prince Mubarak Al Sabah, and the Prime Minister, Sheikh Nasser Al Mubarak Al Sabah, during his recent visit to Washington.

Kuwait, like almost all Arab countries, is theoretically in a state of war with Israel. The administration and the critics reached a compromise earlier this month which pushed through the package for Kuwait. Kuwait agreed to the restrictions.

Under the compromise, the delivery date of the 40 F-18s was delayed a year to 1994. The deal will also only include the "G" anti-ship version of the Maverick missile, rather than the more sophisticated "D" type.

In addition, Kuwait will be prohibited from buying equipment to permit in-flight refuelling of the F-18s, a ban that would mean the jets could not be used against Israel.

Kuwait buys arms from the Soviet Union as well as Western and Eastern nations.

The F-18 Hornet is one of the world's most advanced fighter bombers.

The Hornet, with a distinctive twin tail fin, has a combat radius of 575 nautical miles. From Kuwait, it could patrol the length of the Gulf or make the return flight from the capitals of Iran, Iraq or Saudi Arabia.

Only Canada, Australia and



Sheikh Nawaf signs the arms deal as Kuwait's Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Mazzyed Al Sani (right) looks on.

Spain have so far acquired the F-18 — usually designated F/A-18 by the US Navy to highlight its fighter and attack roles.

Canada agreed to buy 138 Hornets in 1980, Australia ordered 75 in 1981 and Spain 72 in 1983. Israeli opponents of the Kuwait sale pointed out that no non-Western country had F-18s.

The first of about 1,300 Hornets ordered by US forces went into service six years ago. The plane, conceived as a flexible carrier-based combat aircraft, first flew in 1974.

Israel's Air Force commander, Avihu Bin Noon, has said that the F-18 would put Kuwait a jump ahead in military technology.

The plane has a 12-metre (40-foot) wingspan and two General Electric engines. It is similar in size to the European Tornado and experts say it is noted for superior engineering.

Its single pilot depends on sophisticated electronics, including an all-weather system for landing on carriers and a radar which can track 10 targets at the same time.

For air attack, it can be armed with Sidewinder, Sparrow and Maverick missiles. For ground attack, it can be armed with laser-guided or cluster bombs.

Restrictions

The F-18 has not been without problems. In 1984, engineers found cracks in the double-fin joints of the planes and imposed flight restrictions on them.

The curbs were lifted after modifications were made and experts say the Hornet now has no serious problems despite some crashes reported in the United States and Canada.

But the Australian Air Force says it is now modifying the 45 Hornets it has so far received to prevent metal fatigue, a problem discovered during routine tests after 800 hours flying time in the United States.

Gulf peace talks in recess for 'a day of reflection'

Climate of distrust prevents agreement

GENEVA, Aug 27, (Reuters): An atmosphere of distrust between Iran and Iraq has prevented agreement so far on a step-by-step timetable to put an end to the Gulf war, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today.

But the adversaries' foreign ministers were due to continue face-to-face talks tomorrow, and he said he hoped to reach an accord on a timetable in the coming days before leaving Geneva.

Sources close to the talks said Perez de Cuellar proposed a plan setting out specific dates for implementing the various points of UN Security Council Resolution 598, the basis for the direct peace negotiations which began on Thursday.

Asked if he had agreement on this yet, he told reporters: "No, we are working. I have to admit, at rather a slow pace because we work in an atmosphere understandably of distrust so far."

Flexibility

"It is too early to ask for flexibility... I hope that on Sunday, after reflection, perhaps the flexibility you are looking for will start."

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati has displayed displeasure with the Iraqi negotiating stance. He declared yesterday that an agreement must be based on Resolution 598, the Perez de Cuellar implementation plan and the 1975 Algiers agreement between the two countries which defined their border.

He did not elaborate, but in an interview with Iranian television he accused the Iraqi side of bringing up irrelevant issues.

"Raising matters outside the resolution and the implementation plan is the base of the

negotiations," he said.

Conference sources said one point of disagreement centred on the Shatt Al Arab, the hotly disputed waterway between Iran and Iraq over which the two sides have fought more than once.

Resolution 598 does not mention the Shatt Al Arab, although it could be viewed as an "outstanding issue" that should receive a "just and honourable settlement."

It is the only way for ships plying the Gulf to reach Iraq's second biggest city Basra and Iran's now-wrecked oil city Abadan.

Shortly before invading Iran on Sept 22, 1980, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein tore up the Algiers agreement, which set their boundary down the middle of the waterway, thus giving Iran the right to use it.

Opinion

Some conference sources said Iraq was trying at least to reach early agreement to clear the Shatt of vessels that have been trapped there since the war began.

But with the probable backing of world opinion, Iran will firmly resist any possible Iraqi attempt to redefine the boundary defined in the Algiers agreement, an internationally recognised document registered with the United Nations, they said.

"If you tear up the 1975 agreement, you have to go back to the 1400s and start all over again," one UN source commented.

After an estimated million casualties, bombardments of each other's cities, deadly chemical weapons attacks and vitriolic propaganda, the distrust on each side is enormous.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei said today he was unhappy with the progress of the Geneva peace talks with Iraq and he accused Baghdad of insincerity and obstinacy.

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at: 40°C (104°F)

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at: 30°C (86°F)

min temperature expected:
at: 44°C (111°F)
at: 41°C (106°F)
at: 39°C (102°F)

max humidity recorded:
at: 27 per cent
at: 32 per cent
at: 48 per cent

min humidity expected:
at: 47 per cent
at: 52 per cent
at: 58 per cent



Benazir woos the middle class

KARACHI, Aug 27, (AP): Benazir Bhutto, who could become the first woman in modern history to lead an Islamic nation, is edging her leftist party toward the centre in advance of the November elections.

Her goal is to woo Pakistan's middle class and win the Army's support.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has declared that National Assembly elections will take place as scheduled on Nov 16, despite the Aug 17 death of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in an unexplained plane crash.

Benazir says she is encouraged by Ishaq Khan's promise and has called on political leaders to act responsibly to avoid provoking a military coup.

Stressed

The Army, however, has stressed that it supports an orderly return to civilian rule. Speaking on Thursday in Rawalpindi, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg said he favoured democratic elections.

Should the elections indeed take place, Benazir told a small

Stop expulsions, UN tells Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 27, (Agencies): The members of the Security Council called on Israel yesterday to stop deporting Palestinians in its occupied territories and to ensure the safe return of those already exiled.

The members of the 15-nation body, the highest UN authority, issued the call in a statement made on their behalf by Li Yue of China, the current President.

The statement, expressed its "grave concern" over the violence "in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem" and by the imposition of curfews and travel restrictions "and the consequent increase in the numbers of injuries and deaths that have occurred."

Policy

The Security Council also said its members are profoundly concerned by the persistence of "the occupying power, (Israel) in continuing its policy of deporting Palestinians civilians in contravention" of UN resolutions.

The statement specifically mentioned the expulsion of four Palestinian civilians to Lebanon on Aug 17 and its decision to expel 25 more.

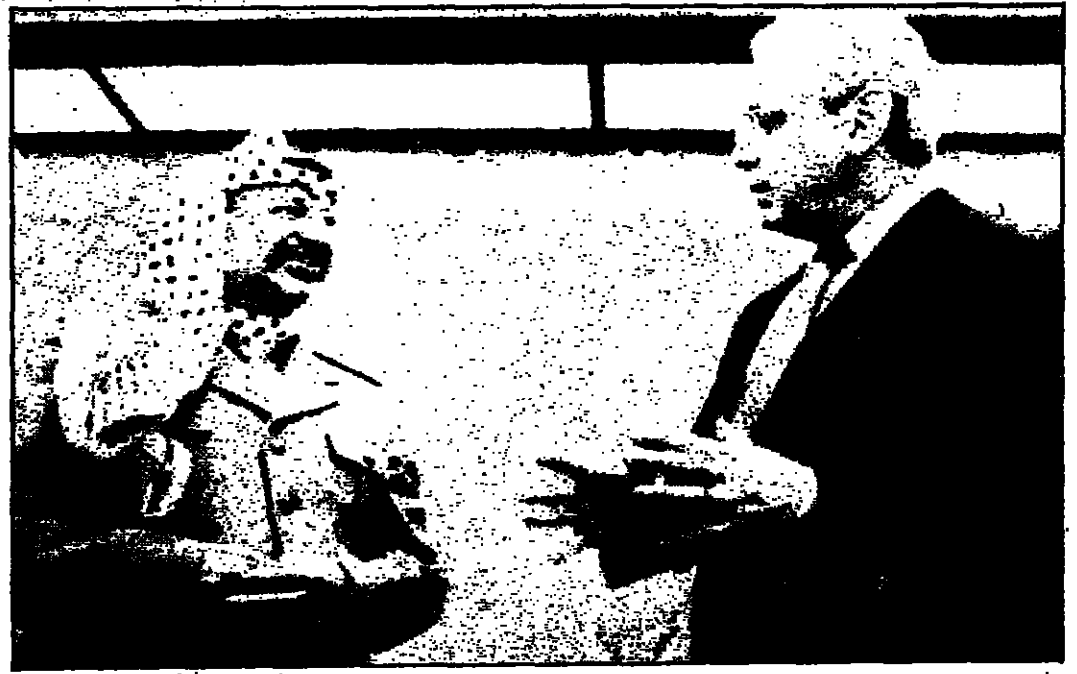
In response, Israel's chief delegate Johnan Bein called the UN action one-sided. In a written statement he said it disregarded Israel's security needs and responsibility for ensuring the safety of all the inhabitants of the territories.

Li's statement said council members were gravely concerned by what was termed "the continued deterioration of the situation in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and especially by the current grave and serious situation resulting from the closing off of areas, the imposition of curfews and the consequent increase in the numbers of injuries and deaths that have occurred."

Rocket attack

MOSCOW, Aug 27, (Reuters): A rocket attack by rebels on the Afghan capital, Kabul, today killed four people and wounded 12, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The rockets hit the eastern part of the city, it said. Two of the dead were children.



Arafat (left) meeting Perez de Cuellar at the UN office in Geneva. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestinian parliament to decide on independence

GENEVA, Aug 27, (Reuters): A forthcoming meeting of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile will decide whether to declare an independent Palestinian state, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said today.

Asked to comment on whether independence would be declared, Arafat told reporters: "Not yet... until the PNC (meets)."

Arafat spoke just before meeting United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Perez de Cuellar and Arafat had a 90-minute meeting yesterday at the Palais des Nations, Geneva's UN office. It was their first meeting since last January.

Role

Arafat's delegation, which included Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign policy chief, avoided reporters before and after the talks. Perez de Cuellar was not immediately available for comment.

One topic was believed to be the PLO's consideration of setting up an independent Palestinian state in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the related issue of securing international recognition of such a state.

A PLO official in Baghdad had said Arafat would urge Perez de Cuellar to push for a "more active role for the United

Nations in the occupied territory."

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat would explore ways of involving the world body directly in the territories, including a possible trusteeship.

Arafat has in the past raised the possibility of asking for a UN peacekeeping force in the area if the Arab-Israeli conflict is settled.

The PLO chief also was expected to urge more active involvement of the UN in efforts to set up an international Middle East peace conference.

Meanwhile, Salah Khalaf, a top aide of Arafat, said: "Palestinian leaders agree on the need to declare an independent state, but such a move should not be a leap in the air."

Oppose

"Any PLO political initiative should be based on a realistic approach that could be accepted by world opinion and the two superpowers and precipitate the holding of an international conference," he told an Abu Dhabi daily.

Syria and Israel oppose the formation of a provisional Palestinian government in the West Bank and Gaza. Jordan early this month ended its administrative and economic links with the

Security Council condemns use of gas

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Saudis deny

BAHRAIN, Aug 27, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia denied today it was considering a plan to donate oil to help Iran to rebuild its war-ravaged economy.

The official Saudi Press agency (SPA) quoted an official source as denying a report carried by Reuters saying that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait might sell oil from the Neutral Zone on behalf of Iran.

Pakistani stabbed to death

A PAKISTANI was stabbed to death during a quarrel in Julech Al Shuyoukh on Friday night, an Interior Ministry official said yesterday.

The deceased, identified as Mohammed S. 36, his Pakistani companion Abdul Qayyum E. 39, and a 26-year-old Kuwaiti identified as Youssef F. started quarrelling after an accident.

Youssef fled from the scene after fatally stabbing Mohammed. The Hawalli Governorate police yesterday arrested Youssef, who confessed his crime.

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INTERNATIONAL

Angola talks end without accord on Cuban troops withdrawal

BRAZZAVILLE, Aug. 27. (Reuters): A fifth round of peace talks on Angola and Namibia ended without agreement on withdrawing Cuban troops from Angola but delegates said today the process would continue and there had been no breakdown.

Three days of talks in the Congolese capital Brazzaville ended late last night with a communiqué saying delegates from Cuba, Angola and South Africa would return in the week beginning Sept 5 after consultations with their governments.

Conference sources said Cuba and Angola had advanced a timetable spread over 36 months for removing the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

Touchelest

But this was too long a timeframe for the South Africans who have sought a Cuban withdrawal more in line with an agreed seven-month calendar for South Africa granting independence to neighbouring Namibia, the sources said.

The withdrawal of Cuban

troops is the toughest issue in the US-mediated regional peace talks which began last May. So far the talks have resulted in a ceasefire and South African troop withdrawal in southern Angola, and South African agreement to grant independence to Namibia under a United Nations plan.

Chief South African negotiator Neil Van Heerden, while not confirming the Angolan-Cuban offer, said: "They did advance a suggestion and we advanced a counter-suggestion without taking a final position."

Presence

Angola insists it must be protected from South African attack during the Cuban withdrawal and so is pushing for as long a timetable as possible.

"We are not going to sacrifice our security," said General Antonio Dos Santos Franco "Ndalu," head of the Angolan delegation.

South Africa is worried that the presence of a Cuban force in Angola during planned UN-

supervised elections in Namibia could threaten the impartiality of the electoral process.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha, in a statement issued by his office today, said the talks had failed to meet a Sept 1 target date for agreement on the timetable.

In earlier talks in Geneva, South Africa, Angola and Cuba had said they would establish a timetable by that date, coinciding with the deadline for South African withdrawal from Angola.

But Botha said progress had been made in Brazzaville, and most conference sources said the round had been productive and encouraging, especially given the sensitivity of the issue.

"All sides have been avoiding positions that could lead us into cul de sacs," Van Heerden said.

A US diplomatic source stressed that Sept 1 was a target date and not a deadline. He said no one had expected to wrap up an agreement on the Cuban troop withdrawal in three days.

"The parties came here with a

certain mandate but they didn't come here with a blank cheque," the source said.

"These are life and death issues for them," he added, saying participants were looking for a formula to make it appear no one was the loser.

Mood

Delegates said that although agreement did not appear to be imminent the general mood of the talks was good and most felt they had progressed too far to turn back.

Meanwhile a senior member of the Namibian nationalist group SWAPO said today efforts to achieve independence for South African-ruled Namibia and a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola were still on course after tough negotiations in Brazzaville.

"The negotiating process is on course and progress, however slow, is being recorded," SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organisation) Information Secretary Hidipo Hamutenya said.



Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle addresses a crowd at the Missouri state fair. (Reuters wirephoto)

Genetics to help cure cancer

TORONTO, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Researchers seeking cures for cancer have found a promising area in the way certain genes trick normal cells into growing uncontrollably, a genetics professor told an international conference.

"In the next 10 years or so this is going to be very much a focus of molecular cancer research. Ultimately, we hope it will lead us to efficient cures for cancer," said Dr. Tony Pawson, a University of Toronto professor of medical genetics.

An estimated 4,000 researchers from about 75 countries are attending the six-day event, held every five years.

Pawson said there is now an overwhelming body of evidence that indicates cancer is a genetic disease, with the development of tumours linked to changes in genes.

"Cancer is a cell or group of cells that have lost their ability to control the process of growth," said Dr. Philip Leder, a professor of genetics at Harvard Medical School.

Row fails to dent Quayle's popularity

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (UPI): Most Americans in a survey released today said they do not have less favourable view of Republican vice presidential nominee Dan Quayle because of his national guard service during the Vietnam war.

Despite heavy news coverage of suggestions that Quayle joined the guard 19 years ago to avoid being drafted for combat in Vietnam, 82 per cent said their opinion of the militarily hawkish Indiana Senator had not declined, according to the poll by the Gallup Organisation for Time-Mirror Co.

Fifteen per cent acknowledged a less favourable opinion because of the guard controversy and three per cent said they were not sure, the survey revealed.

Though Quayle and vice presidential rival Lloyd Bentsen saw positive ratings in the same range — 50 per cent for Quayle and 58 per cent for the Texas Senator — the poll showed 62 per cent consider the 67-year-old Democratic chairman of the Senate finance committee qualified to be President while only 41 per

cent think the 41-year-old Quayle prepared for the top job.

Turning to the news accounts of Quayle's military past, his link to a 1980 congressional sex scandal and his poor academic record, 55 per cent of those polled said media coverage has been unfair, only 39 per cent deemed it fair.

Attention

The survey found 69 per cent think the Quayle story has received too much coverage, though a scant two per cent said it has received too little attention and 26 per cent said it has seen the right amount of focus.

With people thus generally critical of the coverage, 56 per cent nevertheless termed it important to learn details about the senator's past to judge whether he would be a good vice president. Thirty-eight per cent said such details from Quayle's life are not related to his professional ability.

Finally, the poll found fewer people have paid attention to the continuing controversy than to other major news stories this summer.

US jury acquits Mafia men

NEWARK, New Jersey, Aug. 27. (AP): A US jury acquitted 20 reputed Mafia leaders yesterday, ending what is believed to be the nation's longest federal criminal trial and handing the government a stunning defeat.

The jury, which had been selected 21 months ago, read 77 separate innocent verdicts as the courtroom erupted in pandemonium. The defendants and their attorneys hugged and gave a standing ovation to the jury, which had deliberated just 14 hours on the charges of racketeering, or running an illegal business. The jury forewoman wept.

"What's there to say?" Assistant US attorney V. Grady O'Malley said. "Apparently the jury just resented the length (of the trial) and the breadth of the indictment."

The government had charged that Anthony "Tumac" Acceturo and his co-defendants controlled a powerful New Jersey state faction of the Lucchese organised crime family that allegedly ran illegal gambling, drug-dealing and fraudulent credit card operations.

Records

The defence tried to discredit government witnesses, many of whom had serious criminal records. The government contended that only such insiders could tell the story of the organised crime family.

Defence attorney David Ruhke said the verdict was a "complete rejection" of long government racketeering prosecutions against numerous defendants. "I'm just glad it was everybody (acquitted)," said Michael Tacetta, who had been charged with supervising the organisation in New Jersey.

After cautioning the defence team to remain calm, US district judge Harold A. Ackerman thanked the jury, saying, "I commend you in the highest terms for your dedication, your patience, your attentiveness."

Heavy security at crossing point

IRA fugitive extradited

NEWRY, Northern Ireland, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Irish police extradited fugitive guerrilla Robert Russell to Northern Ireland today in a big security operation to foil any attempt to free him.

Russell, 30, was hustled across the border from the Irish Republic into the custody of the Royal Ulster Constabulary just after dawn. The handover was watched by heavily armed British troops guarding the northern side of the border.

Escape

Hundreds of sympathisers of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) gathered on the Irish side. Scuffles broke out between demonstrators and security forces as Belfast-born Russell arrived at the crossing in a police convoy from Dublin's Mountjoy jail.

Russell escaped from Belfast's

Maze prison in a mass breakout five years ago where he was serving a 20-year-sentence for the attempted murder of a policeman. He was jailed for three years in Dublin after breaking out of prison there to avoid extradition to the British-ruled north.

Irish courts yesterday rejected appeals to stop his extradition. He was shipped out of the back of Mountjoy jail for the 75-minute drive to the border while IRA sympathisers battled with riot police in the front of the prison.

Bomb

Hundreds of demonstrators, including Gerry Adams, president of the Sinn Féin, the IRA's political wing, gathered on the Irish side of the border to protest at the extradition.

Police and troops, fearing violence and a possible IRA bid to spring Russell, mounted a big

security clampdown on both sides of the crossing.

Violence erupted in the north a few hours before Russell was extradited.

Police said a bomb in Northern Ireland's second city of Londonderry injured two elderly women and damaged the courthouse, seven houses, and windows in nearby St Columba's cathedral.

The bomb, consisting of Czechoslovak-made Semtex explosive, went off at about midnight and police said they were checking reports of another bomb blast between Londonderry and the Irish border.

The security operation in hills that have been a haven for guerrillas waging a campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland involved troops sealing off the main Belfast-Dublin road and turning people and traffic away at gunpoint.



Smoke rises from buildings on fire in Lisbon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fire raises doubts over Lisbon's safety

LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 27. (UPI): Natives of Lisbon have a longstanding love affair with their hauntingly beautiful city nestled among the hills overlooking the estuary of the Tagus river.

But Thursday's disastrous fire that destroyed much of the historic Chiado district of the city once again has underlined their fear that they also are living in a disaster waiting to happen.

"Who else will be burned?" asked the title of a special section on the fire in the news weekly Sabado, adding that Lisbon's who long have been under the impression of living in permanent danger "are now aware how little is being done to avoid such disasters."

Inspection

Lisbon Shopowners Association president Jose Ferreira de Matos called the antiquated equipment firefighters had available to battle the blaze that broke out in the 19th century Armazens do Grandela department store "shameful." He said firefighters were victims of a political bureaucracy that had no concern for the welfare of the city of 900,000.

None of the old wood frame buildings in the area had sprinkler systems, and newspaper reports said no one could remember when fire inspectors had

made their last round.

Jose Manuel Fernandes, writing in the weekly Expresso last December, said Lisbon has been without direction for a coherent urban plan since the death of mayor Duarte Pacheco in 1948.

Conservative Nuno Kruz Abecasis has presided over Lisbon's city council for 10 of the 14 years since the April 1974 revolution ended 48 years of dictatorship in Portugal.

As the country and capital flourished after the leftist officers' coup, he came under increasing criticism for leaving Lisbon prey to real estate speculators with little concern for the city's safety or agricultural integrity established following the Nov. 1, 1755, earthquake.

After the quake and the subsequent fire and tidal wave destroyed much of medieval Lisbon, King Jose I's powerful minister, the Marquis de Pombal, ordered reconstruction of the centre of the city along rational lines that were revolutionary for 18th century European urban design.

The Chiado neighbourhood, which was not completed until 1840, had been at the same time a symbol of Lisbon's literary and artistic past as well as the cradle for its artists and designers of a fledgling vanguard.

Another tremor rocks Nepal

KATHMANDU, Aug. 27. (UPI): Another earthquake tripped Nepal's quake sensors today — at 4.5 on the Richter Scale — and the death toll in last Sunday's 6.7-point tremor rose to 705, officials said.

Home Ministry officials said they expected the new tremor, recorded by seismological stations at 4.5 on the Richter Scale at 5.5 pm in Udaipur, southeast of the capital, to raise the number of homes levelled, Nepal Radio reported.

Scores of schools, hospitals, jails, bridges, Army barracks and private homes have been destroyed since the first quake, which measured 6.7-point on the Richter Scale, rumbled through the Himalayan country.

Home Ministry spokesman Tek Bahadur Thapa said today the official death toll has risen to 705, but the figures will definitely increase.

Thapa said 503 people were seriously injured, 972 people were treated for less serious injuries, and 17,528 homes have been destroyed or damaged.

Emergency ends

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 27. (AP): Chile's state of emergency ended today for the first time since rightist military President Augusto Pinochet took power in a 1973 coup.

4 wounded in West Bank shootout

Collaborator attacks village residents

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (Agencies): A West Bank man suspected of being an Israeli agent drew a pistol and shot at village residents who converged on his home demanding he quit his job, an Arab reporter said today. Three men and an elderly woman were wounded in the shootout.

Troops shot and wounded three Palestinians, including a nine-year-old girl who left her home during a curfew, and riots erupted in the occupied Gaza Strip, Arab reporters and hospital officials said.

Palestinian leaders dedicated today to a day of attacks on fellow Arabs who have continued to hold on to their Israeli-appointed posts.

In the small West Bank farming village of Ilar, near Nablus, at least three local men paid a visit to the home of 33-year-old Labieb Hassan late last night to demand he quit passing intelligence information to the Israeli authorities, an Arab reporter said.

"Hassan is a sort of spy, who works for the military forces," said the reporter, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They asked him to leave his path and return to his village and his people."

An argument developed and Hassan, equipped by the Israelis with a weapon for his defence, drew his revolver and shot the three, the Arab reporter said.

The village mukhtar, or leader, came to Hassan's aid and fired a submachine-gun, wounding an elderly woman standing outside her home, the reporter said. Many mukhtars are equipped with weapons because of their dealings with Israeli authorities.

The Friday shootout was the sixth clash this week between Palestinian nationalists and so-called collaborators who cooperate with the Israeli authorities.

In addition to being paid for their help, collaborators are promised rewards such as help in attaining various licences and services, such as family reunification permits that enable relatives from abroad to come and live with them.

Village residents told the Arab reporter that troops entered the village of 2,400 late last night and evacuated the wounded, identified as 30-year-old Miktafi Shadi, 22-year-old Mustafa Hassan Mustafa, and his brother, 17-year-old Abdel Rahim Mustafa. The woman was identified as Jamila Shadi.

Benazir woos the middle class

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group of Western reporters earlier this week. "I have no doubt that in free and open elections, the Pakistan People's Party will take a majority."

To help assure that Benazir has been trying to make her party, which has long attracted left-wing and populist elements, more attractive to wealthier and more conservative voters.

"Our political message has been based on social and economic justice, so women, minorities and the working classes have looked to us. Now we are trying to make a bridge between our traditional constituents and the middle class," she said.

Promised

She has stated that Western-style capitalism is the key to Pakistan's development. She says her party will work to attract foreign investment, and she promised no sweeping nationalisations.

Although the shift to the centre puts her in conflict with the left wing of the party, which includes some anti-US sentiment, it enables her to negotiate with the moderate-conservative Muslim League, a potential coalition partner.

If the elections are held on party basis, Pakistan's prime minister will be selected from the party that wins a majority in the National Assembly. The PPP is expected to take the largest number of votes, but the Muslim League also could draw substantial support.

The Muslim League was considered a Zia tool until its leader, Mohammad Khan Junejo, was ousted as prime minister last May. Now the party is in serious disarray, but Junejo is expected to rally the party behind him in the coming weeks and attract many independent votes.

If not a PPP ally by November, Junejo could be a formidable opponent in Benazir's bid for the prime minister's post.

Benazir says she can resolve the ethnic and sectarian disputes that threaten public order in Pakistan.

Climate of distrust prevents agreement

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"We are not much pleased with the progress of the negotiations," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him as saying.

There was growing speculation today that Perez de Cuellar had chosen a top Swiss diplomat to represent him at Iraq-Iran negotiations.

For the third time in four days Swiss Foreign Ministry Secretary of State Eduard Brunner today visited the UN European headquarters.

He declined to speak to journalists, but Perez de Cuellar today told journalists that as Switzerland had shown a great interest in assisting the United Nations in peace operations, the presence of Brunner should be seen in this light.

The secretary-general has said that he intends to appoint a special representative if the Iran-Iraq talks continue for a long time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Visit to jail

LONDON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): A British envoy today visited a Briton detained in an Iranian jail for almost three years, the Foreign Office said.

David Reddaway, the first British diplomat to visit Tehran for a year, saw businessman Roger Cooper in the city's Evin Jail, where he has been held in solitary confinement since he was detained on suspicion of spying in 1985.

Bombers grounded

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): A majority of the US Air Force's 100 B-1B strategic bombers are being grounded temporarily because they lack spare parts, according to a congressional report released today.

Nuclear test talks

GENEVA, Aug. 27. (AP): The US and Soviet delegations to bilateral nuclear test negotiations arrived today for a new round of talks, and the chief Soviet delegate said this third round should become "a milestone event."

Second tremor

HAMILTON, Aug. 27. (Reuters): Bermuda suffered its second earth tremor in two months today after experiencing no seismic activity since 1978.

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Rebels force Afghan troops to vacate province

MOSCOW, Aug. 27, (Reuters): The Soviet news agency Tass said today that Afghan government forces had withdrawn from central Bamyan province under pressure from Muslim rebels.

Tass, quoting the Afghan news agency Bakhtar, said the situation had become "extremely tense" in Bamyan due to an increase in rebel activities and shelling of populated areas.

"In the interests of a peaceful regularisation of the situation in Bamyan, detachments of the armed forces of the republic based there have temporarily changed their area of deployment," Tass said.

It added that elders in the province had appealed to the Afghan government to declare Bamyan "neutral territory," and said the matter would be reviewed shortly at a tribal meeting.

In eastern Paktia province, Tass said, Afghan civilians had set up groups for establishing contacts with the rebels and had decided to take up responsibility for security in the area.

Soviet forces in Afghanistan have withdrawn from both Bamyan and Paktia provinces since the troop pullout began in mid-May. Moscow says it will not intervene to help Afghan forces in areas from which its troops have been withdrawn.

Failure
Afghanistan wants to introduce a multi-party system and a mixed economy because Soviet-backed efforts to build a communist society failed, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil said on Friday.

Wakil made the comments during a news conference in which he also warned that Afghanistan and the Soviet Union would jointly retaliate should Pakistan continue its alleged violation of the Geneva accords.

"We once thought socialism (communism) could be built in Afghanistan, but this was a theory that proved wrong," the Foreign Minister said. "The country had had a feudal, traditional tribal system, and socialism is a luxury in such a backward state."

Headed, "State ownership of property is under 20 per cent, public ownership of land under one per cent. How could one build socialism amid such circumstances? We have no funds for that."

The Foreign Minister then declared, "A multi-party system and a mixed economy is the choice of our people. We have failed with the land reform, with the obliteration of illiteracy, our reforms were rash and ran across national and tribal feelings."

Laurel, who quit as Foreign Secretary last September over differences with Aquino, cannot be fired from his elected position as Vice-President.

Programme
Laurel presented a 10-point programme calling for a new federal and parliamentary system of government.

It advocated keeping controversial US military bases for another decade and legalising the Communist Party if its members rejected violence.

The Vice-President, who has blasted Aquino for negotiating with communist insurgents shortly after coming to power in 1986, called for a negotiated solution with groups which have taken up arms against the government.

It was third time the fragmented opposition has tried to rally forces to shake Aquino's political control. Pro-Aquino politicians say they also are resigning to consolidate their support before presidential elections scheduled for 1992.

Laurel's move made it likely he would run for President, although he has repeatedly denied such ambitions. Enrile introduced him to reporters and about 100 political supporters today as the "next President."

Foreign diplomats in Manila said earlier this week his defection to the opposition, expected for months, could hurt Aquino's image abroad, but posed little threat to her popularity at home.

Previous attempts to build a viable opposition political movement have foundered because of personal rivalries.

In a press conference two weeks ago, Laurel called on Mrs Aquino to step down to make way for new elections. But he received little popular support.

Laurel's political fortunes have been declining since September, when he resigned as Foreign Secretary and refused to serve in the cabinet.

Mrs Aquino originally named Laurel as Prime Minister of her government but abolished the post soon afterward. Laurel had complained since then that he was shunted by Mrs Aquino's advisers.



Burmese monks and protesters carry a portrait of Burmese nationalist leader Aung San, who was assassinated in 1947. His daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, is leading a mass protest rally in Rangoon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seoul students plan to disrupt Olympics

SEOUL, Aug. 27, (UPI): Dissident college students are attempting to form a 5,000 member group to disrupt the Seoul Summer Olympics, a news report said today.

The domestic Yonhap news agency quoted officials at the national police headquarters as saying authorities across the nation have been alerted and ordered to take steps to halt the attempt.

The report came as the Olympic torch arrived in South Korea. Yonhap quoted police officials as saying that "dissident student leaders were trying to form a 5,000-member death squad to obstruct the Olympics" scheduled for Sept 17 through Oct 2.

"The police headquarters ordered all police across the country that measures be taken against the attempt," Yonhap said.

Also today, Army investigators continued questioning four soldiers to determine if others were involved in the Aug 6 assault on a local journalist who had written articles blaming the military for "all social evils."

Military sources said Army Major Park Chul-Soo, 36, and three corporals were being interrogated regarding the attack on Oh Hong-Kun, 46, city editor of the JoongAng economic daily, as he left his home for work.

Involvement
"Park continues to insist that the attack was masterminded by himself and he had not acted under instruction from any superiors," the sources said. "However, investigation is under way to see whether others were involved."

The three enlisted men initially beat Oh and when he fell to the ground stabbed him in his left thigh with knives, according to the investigators. Oh is recovering from his wounds at a hospital.

Park said he carried out the attack because he was angry at Oh for articles against the "military culture" which gave the impression that "all social evils and irregularities originated from the military," the investigators said.

Pressure mounts for interim government in Burma

Ex-Army men join uprising

BANGKOK, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Disaffected former Army officers have joined the popular uprising against Burma's besieged socialist rulers, calling for an interim government to oversee a transition of democracy.

Former Defence Minister General Tin U addressed a boisterous crowd of 10,000 today at Rangoon General Hospital, residents of the capital said by telephone.

He was joined on the podium by former Army Captain Win Thein who led a 1976 coup attempt by junior officers against the rule of Ne Win, the former strongman who resigned last month after 26 years in power.

Diplomats could not confirm rumours that Ne Win and his successor Sein Lwin, who resigned after just 18 days to be replaced by Maung Maung, had fled Rangoon with their families. They said security around Ne Win's house had been strengthened and they believed he was still inside.

Tin U is widely respected in the Army and among the 40 million population, and is one of a number of Burmese — exiles, dissidents, students, Buddhist monks and labour leaders — jockeying for position in the new political climate.

The 60-year-old former Army chief of staff, who was sacked by Ne Win and accused of backing the 1976 officers' revolt, circulated an open letter denouncing the mass killings of demonstrators by troops in recent protests.

The letter called for an interim government to oversee a return to multi-party democracy.

A retired brigadier-general and 14 retired colonels also called for an interim government in a separate letter to President Maung Maung this week, diplomats said.

The diplomats said there was heightened speculation that the military would stage a coup in the face of a near-total collapse of law and order in the country.

Detainees

Rangoon Radio reported that the government yesterday had freed 2,750 demonstrators detained recently in Rangoon and had ordered local police commanders throughout the country to do the same.

The radio said there had been several bloody prison break-outs earlier in the week.

Six inmates were killed, 24 were injured but 1,600 others escaped from Sitwe prison in Rakhine state near the Bangladesh border on Wednesday.

Prison guards opened fire after a mob of 200 set fire to the jail, the radio said today.

At Insein prison in central Rangoon yesterday guards opened fire on 2,000 prisoners, who had set fire to their quarters, as demonstrators tried to storm the jail, the radio said.

It said several wardens and inmates were wounded.

Diplomats estimated 60 inmates were killed and said a foreign radio report of more than 1,000 dead seemed exaggerated.

Prisoners also set fire to buildings at the jail in Bassein, an Irrawaddy delta town west of the capital, where one inmate was killed and about 100 others escaped, Rangoon Radio said.

Demonstrations

Demonstrations have taken place across the country in the past few months, in the face of ruthless Army action, forcing the resignations of both Ne Win and Sein Lwin.

Meanwhile, one of Burma's best-known communist leaders, Thakin Soe, issued a statement from his bed in Rangoon General Hospital calling for a return to multi-party government.

The statement supported the mass demonstrations and demanded the government form an interim government and restore peace.

Thakin Soe, 82, formed the pro-Chinese faction of the Communist Party in 1937. He spent most of his life underground, but was captured after Army suppression campaigns in the late 1960s, and granted amnesty in 1980. His party no longer exists and he is not active in the movement.

Tumult

The current turmoil in Burma began when 77-year-old Ne Win, a former general who led the 1962 coup that ended democracy and instituted rigid socialist rule, resigned and the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party named Sein Lwin to succeed him.

Demonstrations began almost immediately against Sein Lwin, widely hated for ruthlessly crushing dissent, and turned bloody Aug 8 when security forces fired on protesters. Sein Lwin resigned Aug 12.

On Aug 19, Maung Maung became Burma's first civilian President in 26 years. But student-led rallies persisted as protesters demanded democracy, in addition to calls for economic reform.

Even Maung Maung's call, announced Wednesday, for an emergency party congress Sept 12 to consider holding a popular vote on one-party rule did not end mass street actions.

Nile water floods Khartoum

KHARTOUM, Aug. 27, (UPI): The Blue Nile river finally spilled over into central Khartoum today after rising 3.5 inches (8 cm) since Thursday. It flooded riverside roads and parks but no one was reported hurt.

Water covered the Nile Avenue promenade where most of the important government ministries are situated, ran into buildings of the University of Khartoum and flooded low lying areas on the opposite bank in Khartoum north.

But the daily report on river levels issued by the Central Irrigation Ministry today indicated river levels would drop again quickly. The volume of water coming into the Blue Nile from the Ethiopian highlands fell for the first time in weeks, the ministry said.

Large areas of north Khartoum and the southern fringes of the city were flooded by torrential rains on Aug 4 which triggered the current flood crisis and international relief effort. A million people are destitute and homeless in Khartoum alone after tens of thousands of houses collapsed under the water.

In addition, hundreds of square miles of farmland along the Blue Nile south of the capital are under water and the Red Cross estimates up to 100,000 people are trapped by Nile flood-water in the north of the country.

Talks
Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi was quoted today as saying he will hold peace talks shortly with the leader of the 5-year-old rebellion in southern Sudan.

El Mahdi's disclosure of his plan to meet with Col. John Garang came in remarks published by the Khartoum newspaper Al-Adwaa.

Sikh bomb kills one in Punjab

NEW DELHI, Aug. 27, (UPI): A bomb believed to be Sikh extremists exploded today in a crowded market in the Punjab state town of Ajnala, killing one person and wounding at least 25 others, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

The blast came as Hindus across northern India observed the Raksha Bandan festival which celebrates the bonds between brothers and sisters.

The Press Trust, in a dispatch from the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, 250 miles (400 km) northwest of New Delhi, said a bomb planted in the market of nearby Ajnala went off amid crowds of shoppers, smashing vehicles and damaging several shops.

The news agency said one person died and at least 25 wounded were taken to Amritsar's Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital for treatment.

A spokesman for the paramilitary central reserve police force in Amritsar told the Press Trust that authorities believed the device was planted by Sikh separatists who are waging a bloody campaign to establish the Sikh homeland of "Khalistan" in northern Punjab.

Further details were not immediately available.

More than 1,800 people have died in extremist-related violence this year.

China's nude models need social care

BEIJING, Aug. 27, (AP): Nude models are unfair victims of popular disapproval, a Chinese newspaper said yesterday in an appeal for an improvement in models' social status.

The Guangming Daily said a survey of nude female models in the eastern city of Nanking revealed they are subject to social scorn and often have difficulty finding boyfriends or husbands.

Some complained that even at the art institutes where they work, teachers and students regard them as sexually "liberated, modern women."

The newspaper, China's leading daily for intellectuals, did not mention male models.

The women seldom earn more than \$55 a month. That's about double what a factory worker makes, but the models have no medical benefits and often can't afford a doctor when they catch colds, the report said.

Few buildings in Nanking are heated, despite temperatures below freezing in the winter. The Guangming Daily said artistic studies of the human body go back thousands of years, but it said China is less receptive to nudity in art because of its feudal history and long periods of isolation.

The nude has played a relatively minor role in Chinese art history, and the prim communist government that came to power in 1949 effectively banned all nude paintings.

But nude modeling for art schools was revived around 1984, and the government has since given cautious approval to art shows featuring nude paintings.

Attitudes on marriage changing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27, (AP): Young adults from Japan and the United States said Japanese attitudes towards marriage, divorce and the family are changing, and that the US example in these areas is unattractive.

Thirty university students from Japan and 30 from the United States, ranging in age from 17 to 25 and nearly all single, compared cultural and social traditions at a gathering that produced strong criticism from both sides of the way so many US marriages end in divorce.

In 1985, the United States recorded 2,425,000 marriages and 1,187,000 divorces.

"Don't the Americans divorce out of selfish reasons?" said Tadakatsu Tsuruno, a student from Tokyo's Aoyama Gakuin University. He was among the participants at a day-long session, sponsored by Nihon Keizai, the Japanese economic newspaper, and Konic, the photographic and electronics firm.

"Americans seem so crazy about kids, but when they divorce, aren't they forgetting about the children?" Tsuruno said.

The Japanese, from 11 universities, were winners of an essay contest on the two countries' roles in the world. The US students came from universities in the eastern United States where they studied Japanese or other foreign studies.

Morocco, Polisario to discuss peace plan

UN chief holds Sahara talks

GENEVA, Aug. 27, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar held separate talks today with officials from Morocco and the Polisario Front aimed at ending the 12-year-old war in the Western Sahara.

Perez de Cuellar presented both sides earlier this month with a UN peace plan which called for a ceasefire to be followed by a referendum offering the people of the desert territory a choice between independence and integration with Morocco.

He has asked for replies by Sept 1.

He met Driss Slaoui, Morocco's permanent representative to the United Nations in New York, and was due to hold talks later with Bechir Mustapha, a member of the Polisario's executive committee in charge of external relations.

The Polisario guerrillas, backed by Algeria, have been fighting Morocco for control of the Western Sahara since Spain withdrew from its former colony in 1976.

Message

Slaoui told reporters after a 45-minute meeting: "I have given a personal message from His Majesty King Hassan to the UN Secretary-General." He declined to reveal any details.

The Moroccan envoy did not submit a formal reply to the peace plan but asked for some clarifications, which Perez de Cuellar provided, UN spokesman Francois Giuliani said.

"My understanding is that the final reaction of Morocco to the proposal of the Secretary-General will be given sometime this week, beginning of next week."

Giuliani told a news briefing.

Slaoui, asked whether he was optimistic about the prospects of settling the war in the phosphate-rich territory, replied: "One must be optimistic. It is important."

Morocco has about 150,000 troops stationed in the Western Sahara.

Demands

Polisario officials have said the UN plan satisfied Moroccan demands but ignored its own demands for direct negotiations with Rabat.

The Polisario has also balked at a referendum being held while most of the territory is under effective Moroccan military and administrative control.

The Polisario's political arm, the Saharan Arab Democratic Front, was proclaimed in 1976, it has fought for 10 years.

Takeshita praises Sino-Japanese ties

BEIJING, Aug. 27, (UPI): Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, completing a three-day visit to Beijing today, hailed a new era in Sino-Japanese relations and said the two Asian powers should be able to resolve future disputes amicably.

Takeshita, who replaced Yasuhiro Nakasone in November, is making his first trip to China as Prime Minister.

"Our two countries have had problems in relations in the past," Takeshita said at a press conference in the Great Hall of the People.

"But after both sides made efforts to solve these, we now have very extensive ties. In the future, if any problems occur, these can be solved through dialogue and on the basis of friendship."

Takeshita left Beijing after an hour-long meeting with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping to tour the ancient city of Dunhuang in western China.

Deng yesterday urged Takeshita to expand aid for China's technological modernisation drive and increase Tokyo's business investment, which he said is "even more important" than credit.

Package

Takeshita, who announced a major new package of \$6 billion in low-interest economic development loans to China after arriving in Beijing on Thursday, said a private sector delegation from Japan will soon visit China to survey investment prospects.

At the outset of the meeting in the Great Hall of the people today, Deng said Takeshita's visit should begin "a great new era" in relations between the two countries, which have been troubled in recent years by a series of political and economic disputes.

"My welcome has expressed an aspiration that Chinese and Japanese leaders should establish a new type of relationship," the 84-year-old Deng said.

Cyprus leaders to hold more talks

PARIS, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Cyprus President George Vassiliou said in an interview that he and Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash had agreed to hold two more rounds of talks to reunify the divided island.

Vassiliou told the communist daily L'Humanite after his first encounter with Denkash in Geneva that the two men would meet again with UN Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar at United Nations headquarters at the end of October or the start of November.

The two men announced after the Geneva talks this week that they would meet in Nicosia on Sept 15.

"Mr Denkash and myself have agreed to try to reach agreement on the essential points. If we reach a global agreement, after that we could delegate commissions of experts to look after the details," Vassiliou added.

He said the meeting with Perez de Cuellar would examine progress made up to that point. The UN chief hosted the two men's first meeting on Wednesday.

A target date of June 1, 1989, has been set for agreement on a new governmental system to reunify the island. But commentators said a lot of tough talking lay ahead after 25 years of communal strife.

"We contented ourselves with getting to know each other and to express our desire for a serious dialogue... and we hope to reach a solution. But that will demand a lot of work and will not be an easy process," Vassiliou told the French daily.

He said main discussion points were a withdrawal of the Turkish Army from the self-declared Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and "to have a United Nations, certainly federal but where people will be free to travel and work where they want."

The Turkish embassy in Kuwait in a press release welcomed the talks.

It said: "Our government has highly welcomed the meeting of the leaders of the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities in Geneva yesterday under the auspices of the United Nations secretary-general and the successful conclusion of this meeting."



Salvador Laurel, (centre), flanked by opposition Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, (left), and former vice-presidential candidate Arturo Tolentino, flash the thumbs up sign during a formal announcement of forming the opposition coalition. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Kuwaiti found dead

AN OFFICIAL source at the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of the Interior announced yesterday that security authorities found the body of a Kuwaiti man, identified as Yacoub F., in his car in the Al Qurain area.

The source added that a post-mortem examination will be conducted to determine the cause of the death.

Power station

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr. Homoud Al Rqbah, has created the Al Sabiyah Power Station Project Department, with engineer Ahmad Al Jasser as its director, a local daily reported.

Permit must be obtained within two months of birth

Residence for newborn babies

KUWAITI authorities will not reconsider fines and/or legal charges on violators of the residency laws, according to the acting director of the Immigration Department at the Capital Governorate, Lt. Colonel Abdulla Al Ruwaih.

However, the residency laws could be amended if it is necessary, he said.

Importance

He also stressed the importance of obtaining a residence permit for newborn babies within two months of birth. Violators could face legal action, he added.

Al Ruwaih explained that any expatriate employee can obtain a residence visa for his family. Government employees who want to bring their families to Kuwait must earn a minimum monthly salary of KD450, and employees in the private sector must earn KD600.

Residence

Any expatriate whose residence permit has expired will have to pay a fine of KD2 for each day of non-validity, he said.

He also said, steps have been taken to grant legal residence to non-Kuwaitis (bedouin without nationality).

Legalisation will be processed as soon as a passport from any state is provided to these non-Kuwaitis. Authorities are encouraging the legalising of such residences, Al Ruwaih said.

Any non-Kuwaiti married to a Kuwaiti woman should legalise his status by obtaining a passport from any country, he said. After producing his passport, he will have one year to get a valid residence work permit — either through the private or public sector.

The Arabs residence section of the Immigration Department at the Capital Governorate receives

about 850 applications daily. The foreign residence section receives 1,000 applications a day. Citizens of GCC states do not need to obtain permits, he said.

Visits

Business visits should be applied for by local companies.

The businessman should send a copy of his passport and a copy of the nationality certificate of the owner of the company to local authorities.

Such visits are for a maximum of one month. Overstaying the visit visa period will mean a fine of KD10 for each day, Al Ruwaih said.

GCC foreign ministers to discuss Gulf truce

THE ministerial council of the Gulf Co-operation Council will meet on Sept 4 to discuss the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran, it was announced yesterday.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed announced the meeting to reporters and said it would be held at the GCC headquarters in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh.

The council will discuss the latest developments in the region, especially the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran, he told the reporters.

The council is usually convened at foreign minister's level

but other ministers, such as defence, economy or oil, can be invited to participate.

Sheikh Sabah noted that the council will meet once more before December when the annual GCC summit conference is convened.

Individually and collectively, the GCC member states have played prominent roles to try and mediate for peace between Iraq and Iran.

They are now geared to play a role in helping finance the rehabilitation of the two war-ravaged countries as well as in security arrangements for the entire Gulf region.

Role of family in moulding youths

A NUMBER of youths expressed their points of view on discipline in the family and the role of society in directing youths towards better behaviour.

Hmoud Al Rodhan, a student in the secondary stage and the youngest in his family, says he complies with the family's wishes if he is satisfied with the rationale behind them.

He said he realises that his parents are more experienced in life and is prepared to follow their example. Furthermore, honest discussions between family members are the key to understanding and good relations at home, he said.

Jasem Khalaf said discipline of children should differ according to age. The strict controls that he

was subject to as a young boy gradually eased off as he got older, he said.

His family knows, for example, that he smokes. Although they do not forbid him to smoke, he is aware that it is not a habit to be proud of and does not smoke in front of his older brothers as a sign of respect.

He called on families to be open-minded because times change, and so do people.

He said parents should be more trusting because it teaches their children higher values, develops their personalities and gives them greater sense of responsibility for themselves.

Interfere

Maryam, a student at the intermediate stage, whose parents are university graduates, says that she feels her parents control every move she makes.

Her mother interferes in her life, even to the extent of choosing her friends and does not let

her use the telephone freely, she complained. She said she is allowed to spend her pocket money as she likes, but that her mother checks on her whereabouts and the company she keeps.

Hanan Saloom, a 13-year-old, said that she discusses all her personal problems with her friends and not her mother.

Her parents are always busy, but she is not allowed to do as she likes, she said.

Yousif Al Sawarij said that he never discusses school problems with his parents and is often at a loss to find anyone he can turn to for advice.

Feelings

He said his parents are not responsive to his feelings or personal difficulties.

When he becomes a father, he will work hard to understand his children and be a friend to them so that they will not have to go through their early life as he has, he said.

Kuwait University has not received any warnings

By Seham Harb

A LOCAL newspaper asked several professors at Kuwait University to comment on alleged warnings received by the university from some international scientific establishments threatening to disapprove university certificates because of the graduates' low educational levels.

The issue arose after a number of professors at the university said they felt the university should limit admissions because of the warnings.

Raised

The university raised admissions of new students to 62 per cent for science and 68 per cent for arts after the General Secondary Education results for 87-88. Professor Abdullah Al Hajeri, assistant dean of student affairs,

said the university never received any warnings. Many university graduates have already been accepted for higher (post graduate) programmes at universities abroad, he added.

He emphasised that local and foreign establishments do not have the right to withhold approval of university graduates.

Increased

Further, compared to universities outside Kuwait, Kuwait University has attracted well-qualified teachers since its establishment in 1966, he said. The university is keen on preserving the high standards of education, he added.

The increase in the number of new students for this academic year is due to the increase in the number of high school graduates, he said.

University officials have announced plans for a new university building within two years, Al Hajeri said.

Professor Ali Al Tarrah, assistant deputy director of university cultural affairs, said that the university enjoys high science standards.

Science programmes are reviewed and implemented on a yearly basis to match latest advances in each field.

The university teaching staff comprises well-qualified professors of different nationalities. They have use of the latest in equipment and modern laboratories, he said.

Dr Jafar Al Asiri, deputy dean, said that the university is in good standing and there is absolutely no truth to these so-called warnings.

Most children suffer from dental problems

NINETY-FIVE per cent of Kuwait's children suffer from dental problems, and 20 per cent of them are obese and malnourished, according to Dr Hussein Al Mumin, head of the School Health Department at the Ministry of Public Health.

He said the figures were verified in health studies on the country's children. The doctor also said that 12 out of the 25,000 children examined prior to admission to school this year required treatment for tuberculosis.

A complete medical examination of children is a precondition for admission to kindergartens or primary schools in the public or private sector, he said.

Al Mumin also said that Kuwait's mental health programmes are still below standard. Stressing the importance of psychological health programmes, the doctor called for their improvement.

National theatre to be established

KUWAIT will soon establish a unified national theatre, which will group various troupes in the country, Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad said yesterday.

Speaking to board members of the Popular and Gulf theatres, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak said that the Kuwaiti theatrical movement has made great strides in recent years, thanks to the support and concern by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The Kuwaiti theatrical movement began before independence and, since then, has flourished due to the state's care, he said.

The board chairman of the Popular Theatre Ibrahim Al Sallal saluted HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier for their fatherly care for the movement. Al Sallal also paid tribute to former Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed for his help.

Shooting down of Iranian Airbus by Vincennes

That was a dead-on, shouted a crewman

NEW YORK, Aug 27, (AP): A crewman aboard the USS Vincennes shouted "that was a dead-on" when one of its missiles shot down an Iranian passenger plane that they believed was a F-14 fighter, according to a Navy videotape obtained by a US television network.

The tape, made by a Navy camera team on board the ship, was obtained by NBC television through the US Freedom of Information Act and shown on its Friday evening newscast.

Showed

The tape showed crewmen who appeared tense during a sea battle with two Iranian speed boats that preceded the firing of the missile.

NBC reported that the crew members appeared "bewildered and solemn" after learning the missile had shot down a passenger jet.

During the battle, which used the five-inch (13-centimetre) guns mounted on deck, one crewman yelled, "I don't know where it's hitting."

"Come on, let's keep it down," said another over the din of the radio transmissions and firing of the guns.

The launching of the missile

Two new bus routes

TWO new bus routes will soon begin, one in Jahra and the other in Ahmadi, to link the Ahmadi and Fahheel industrial areas, Khalid Al Jaser, director of traffic at Kuwait Public Transport (KPTC), said.

Meanwhile, he attributed the prevalence of mini-buses and taxis to the Traffic Department's restrictions on the use and registration of pick-up trucks.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Jaser said that there are 500 KPTC vehicles working on 56 routes, which have made good profits for the company in the last four years.

However, he complained that the increasing use of mini-buses and taxis is adversely affecting KPTC activities. He said most of the mini-buses and taxis picked up pedestrians from the company's bus stops.

was shown, and then a crewman wearing earphones shouted, "Oh, dead." Three other crewmen gathered around him, and he shouted "that was a dead-on."

"Relax," shouted someone. "Keep the noise down," another person yelled. "Knock it off," ordered another.

"Direct hit on the airplane?" asked someone. "Yes," another replied.

The crew misinterpreted radar and electronic signals from the civilian airliner and shot it down on July 3, killing all 290 people aboard.

A US Defence Department investigation blamed human error by the crew, but Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said Iran bore a heavy responsibility for letting the plane fly over a battle.

Thousands executed in Iran: Mujahedeen

NICOSIA, Aug 27, (AP): Rebels fighting the Iranian government claimed today that thousands of political prisoners have been executed at the direct orders of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Mujahedeen-Khalq, in a telex from its office in Baghdad, said Khomeini issued a decree several weeks ago ordering the execution of Mujahedeen and other political prisoners.

Taken

The leader of the group, Masoud Rajavi, was quoted as saying 860 bodies of executed prisoners were taken to Tehran's Behesht Zahr cemetery on Aug 14-16.

Rajavi said they were among thousands executed since Iran announced on July 18 that it was accepting a United Nations

ceasefire resolution in the war with Iraq.

Iran has reported the execution of at least a dozen Mujahedeen or their collaborators, but the numbers given by the rebel group are much higher than those released by the government.

The conflicting figures could not be independently verified. Last month, the Mujahedeen-led National Liberation Army pushed deep into western Iran, seizing a provincial capital, Bakhiran and a number of towns.

Rajavi urged United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in a telegram to send a mission to Iran as soon as possible to visit Iranian prisons and "stop the accelerated pace of killings in Iran."

Iraq builds statue to commemorate Gulf war

BAGHDAD, Aug 27, (AP): The port city of Basra is building a massive statue of a soldier slaying a shark to commemorate the eight-year Gulf war, the Iraq News Agency reported today.

The monument called "Victory Leap" will show an Iraqi soldier holding the national flag in one hand while slaying a shark in the head with the other.

Notorious

The shark "a fish notorious for aggressiveness and stupidity, represents the aggressiveness of the Iranian regime," the INA report said.

The statue is going up in the biggest square of Iraq's second-largest city, INA said. The soldier will be 12 metres (40 feet) high and the shark will be 32 metres (105 feet) long, the report said.

Damage

The Iraqi government is investing heavily in the reconstruction of Basra, which suffered some of the heaviest damage in the war.

The government has said it will invest 1.5 billion Iraqi dinars (about \$5 billion) in the city's rebuilding, including residential areas and new roads.

Two years for adultery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a man and a woman to two years' imprisonment each with hard labour to be followed by deportation for committing adultery.

The woman, who was pregnant, told the court that she worked as a maid with her employer and knew the accused because he worked as a driver for the neighbours.

A relationship developed between them over two years during which time they had intercourse once.

The court, in delivering judgement, considered the fact that both of the accused were married and had children in their native countries.

Sewerage pipe bursts

A SEWERAGE pipe underneath the pavement of the Al Omariya flyover, at the Airport Road-Fifth Ring Road intersection, burst yesterday causing sewerage to overflow onto the road and cover an area of 300 square metres.

The flow of traffic was disrupted for more than two hours while a car accident left two people injured.

The flow of water was stopped at around 7 pm.

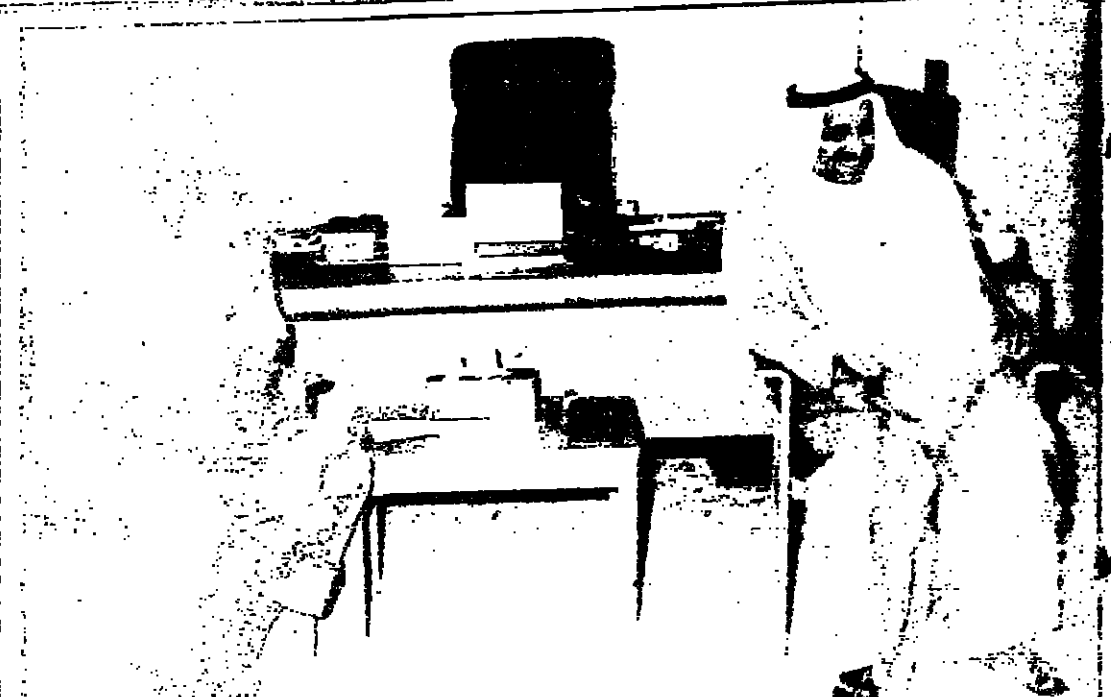
Workers from the Ministry of Public Works rushed to the site after they were informed about the problems by policemen.

A number of Municipality workers were also called in to clean up the road and restore traffic.

Italians rescue six in Gulf

ROME, Aug 27, (AP): Six citizens of the United Arab Emirates were rescued Friday by an Italian minesweeper in the Gulf, a Naval Ministry statement said yesterday.

While patrolling off the port of Sharjah yesterday morning, the minesweeper "Loto" picked up six people calling for help aboard a small drifting boat, the statement said.



Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah (right) yesterday met the newly-appointed Deputy Army Staff, Major-General Jaber Khaled Al Sabah and congratulated him on his recent promotion in rank. Sheikh Sabah praised the efforts and loyalty of Major-General Jaber Khaled in the administrative, technical and mobilisation fields. He also congratulated him for the confidence placed in him by HH the Amir, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Foreign meddling in Lebanon

A LOCAL daily said yesterday that the deadlocked Lebanese presidential election is a victim of foreign meddling, and the newspaper predicted outside players will turn Lebanon into an arena of clashes and confrontation.

"It seems Lebanon is approaching hot developments imposed by the presidential elections' political battle, especially as the foreign players started pulling strings in the open and in secret," Al Rai Al Aam commented in an editorial.

The paper said local powers in Lebanon are merely pawns of outside parties trying to increase their regional influence in the region.

Despite the rising tension in Lebanon, there are still calls for conciliation before the country is plunged into further turmoil, the daily said.

Kuwait law graduates urged to join Ministry of Justice

THE director of the executive department of the Ministry of Justice, Judge Fakih Al Khudair, lamented the shortage of Kuwaiti law graduates to join the department.

The department plans to introduce computer and microfilm systems to carry out its activities more efficiently and quickly, but more Kuwaiti nationals are needed to operate them. The ministry has set up training courses for all new employees.

Deal

The executive department is made up of several sections, the most important one being the implementation section since its officials deal directly with the public.

They implement sentences by

chasing people under detention or seizing property.

They are also responsible for the sale of such properties by public auction to raise money for creditors.

The department is going to move from the Rai area to Kuwait City to attract more buyers and make it easier for prospective buyers to inspect the properties on sale.

Another section is in charge of inheritances. Al Khudair said work in this section is often difficult since one has to deal with the relatives of the deceased and each has his own idea about how things should be distributed.

Officials in the section sometimes have to clarify legal letters which have lost a great deal of their true meaning in translation into Arabic.

Muslims cautioned on Western missionaries

A PROMINENT Islamic preacher has warned against underestimating the activities of the Western missionaries in non-Arab Islamic states, urging Muslims worldwide to enhance co-operation among themselves.

Dr Haidar bin Haidar, board chairman of the "Great Sultan Corporation for Islamic Da'wah" in Indonesia told KUNA that Western missionaries try to invade minds and hearts of poor people in these countries through humanitarian means such as medical, social and cultural aid.

Teague

During its 41 years of existence, the corporation has not only taught Indonesian Muslims the basics of Islam, but also established general schools, he said. The firm now operates a university and a hospital.

The Muslim preacher said that most of the offshore firms belonging to the corporation are in

Java, the most populated island of the Indonesian archipelago. Dr Haidar added that the biggest part of Java's Muslims are poor, while the Christian minority is wealthy.

He said he hopes that Islamic countries will help finance the construction of mosques in Java's capital. Western states sponsor 61 churches.

Assured

Haidar, a retired surgeon, said that he was promised by the Islamic League two years ago that a grand mosque will be built in the capital city, but nothing has taken place so far. However, the Saudi ambassador in Indonesia has assured him that the promise will be fulfilled.

Haidar came to Kuwait to raise funds for his corporation.

He said that the corporation relies on private donations, and expressing hopes that Arab countries will contribute.

High-rise housing under study

By Farhat N. Agne

ALTAI FOUZAN, acting director general of the National Housing Authority (NHA), announced yesterday that the government's plans for high-rise housing are under serious study.

Policy-makers in government housing authority are seriously considering using this style of housing, he said.

Fouzan said that the authority distributes questionnaires to residents of any new area constructed by the authority to canvass their opinions about the houses. The polls help the authority improve other housing projects, he said.

Al Fouzan emphasised that the NHA will implement all the clauses of the contracts in cases where contractors violate them. He said that penalties may even extend to banning such contractors from future NHA tenders, as in the case of some contractors in the Al Daher housing project.

Sheikh Sabah meets ministers

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday received at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Khorafi, Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al Qubman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Al Osmali, who is returning home.

Sheikh Sabah also received Major General Khaled Al Sabah who has been named Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kuwait Army.

He also received the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Washington, Sheikh Saad Nasser Al Sabah.

Meanwhile, a Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Al Jasser yesterday received the newly appointed Ambassador to Japan, Abdel Aziz Al Sharikh and Ambassador to Mauritania, Abdullah Al Majed.

Bahrain to have second Arabic daily

BAHRAIN, Aug 27, (Reuters) Bahrain's cabinet has approved plans to publish a second Arabic daily newspaper in the state, the official Gulf News Agency (GNA) said today.

It said a committee had been formed to set up the new publishing company.

MONTHS MIND In Loving Memory of



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Died: 23/07/1988

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Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

May his soul Rest In Peace

EVENTS

GOING PLACES

Malayalees in festive mood

THE Malayalees were in a festive mood last week. Several groups held variety shows to celebrate Onam, the harvest festival. On Thursday night the Iswabarati Theatre celebrated Onam at the Indian Arts Circle. The show began with an Onam song by Ambika Suresh. Her voice brings to mind the word awesome but she tends to wish she would spare a glance for the audience more often. Instead, her face has been obscured by the notebook in her hand, as was Sunny's in the evening.

Mohiniyattam by Remka Joseph and Leekha Ramaswami and Bhavadass Kumar's Theyyam stood in refreshing contrast to one another. What seemed an eternal wait preceded the Thiruvathira with which eight women in the traditional cream and gold saris danced around the equally traditional brass lamp and snatched the audience out of the serious mood set by Xavier Joseph's sitar session.

The stars of the evening were undoubtedly the young students of the Kalasadan School who performed a delightful rural dance. Pasvum Maveli, the one-act play by the Viswabarati Theatre followed and was well received, although appreciation, vocal or otherwise, was delayed in coming while shrieks and smiles struck one as prevalent.

The boat race finale, although relatively short, proved extremely popular. The audience clapped to the beat as the players rowed across the stage.

The evening was marred only by the faulty sound and light systems. The loudspeakers periodically launched an offensive on all ears present while members of the audience let out shrieks and howls every time the lights went out — it was difficult to ascertain whether this was due to carelessness or a faulty circuit. Nonetheless, it turned out to be an enjoyable evening, especially since it did not go on too late into the night.

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A scene from Pasvum Maveli, the one-act play by members of the Viswabarati Theatre. (Photos by Raed Qutaina)



Students of the Kalasadan School of Indian Classical Dances perform a rural dance.



Mohiniyattam dancer strikes a graceful pose.

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Al Khaled Pharmacy
opp. Jahra co-op Society

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Bab Al Safra Street, is open from 10 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Iraqi Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriyah houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

LMS

British Council
The Assam Garden, the story of the relationship between a British and an Indian man, stars Deborah Kerr and Madhur Jaffrey. It will be on at 5.30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 28. Admission free. It is possible to reserve seats in advance. Tel: 251-5512; 253-4.

THEATRE

Large Great
Auditions will be held on 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great w. to be held at the Salh cinema on Oct 19-22. Details ring Ken Winston idolf5740256/7 or 5758870.

Welcome Back to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" party at the Mesliah Beach hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. The Sounds Great bands will be in attendance. For table reservations, ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 3428366.

Indian Ballet

Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Prameela Suresh, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithasipras at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, contact Prameela 4337608, Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further

details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

HOTELS

At the Ramada

Al Bender coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

At Gandouli Grill Garden

Open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices. Argilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open from 7 pm to 11 pm daily.

Take away counter

Open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vietnamese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At the Meridian

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations including salads, cocktails and mango ice cream, until Aug 31.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords. The

Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

At Meesliah Beach

Al Mubarakiyah restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food at dinner on Thursday and at lunch on Friday.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Failaka restaurant

select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm to 3 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

At the Kuwait Plaza

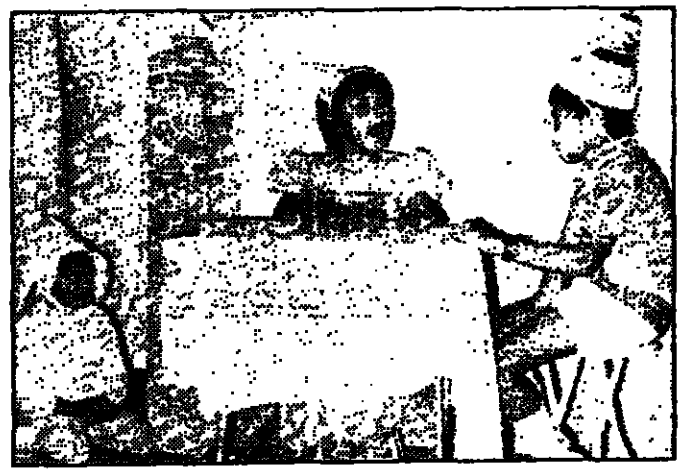
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night

Children present play

A GROUP of Bangladeshi children presented a drama, The Golden Key, on Thursday. It is the story of a wooden boy called Buratino who runs away from home. Above: The players — Asif, Arif, Ishita, Joy, Nastia, Saif, Shahed, Simika, Shawon, Shimon, and Timour. Left: A scene from the play.



every Sunday 7.00 to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

Masters Bowling Tournament

Semi-finals and final rounds for the Masters tournament for men and women will be held on Thursday, 6.30 pm, Sept. 1, and Friday, 9 am, Sept. 2. Forty-eight top bowlers will play in the men's division on Thursday. Eight players will play in the women's division on Friday. All qualifiers must come on Thursday at 3.00 Club, behind US Embassy.

Salcette United

The Salcette United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenicia hotel.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organize a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial
- 10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial; ep. 2
- 11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music
- 11.15 Bu Saleh Yureedu Hakan: local serial
- 12.15 Hardcastle & McCormick: English series featuring Brian Keith
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 1.50 Songs and Music
- 2.35 Araq Al Daliyah: episode 5 of Arabic series
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoons
- 4.15 Fukara Walaikin Sudaa: Arabic feature film, starring Samir Ghanem, Athar Al Hakim, Saeed Saleh, Samiya Al Ulfi
- 6.00 Al Jawharah: children's serial, starring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Al Dafarawi, Wafa Shihab, Huda Essa
- 7.05 Anta wa Sahtak: You



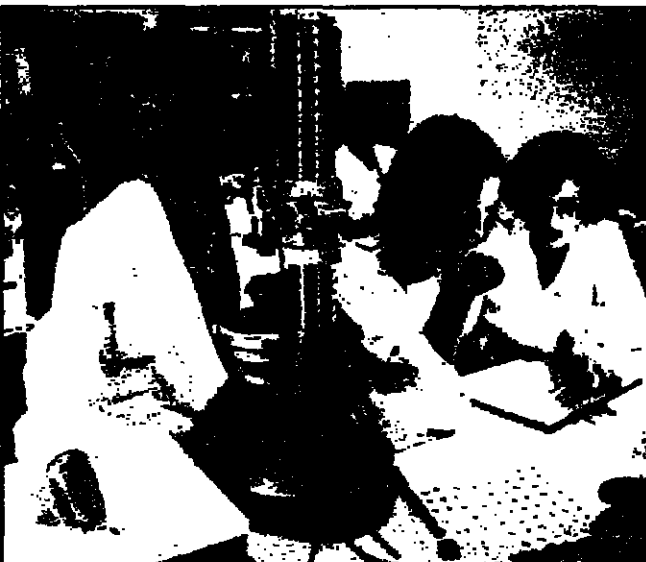
A scene from children's serial Al Jawharah, on KTV 1 today.

- and Your Health, a programme on health care
- 7.35 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
- 8.00 Musical Interlude
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: Arabic serial
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Saqiya Tadawar: Arabic series
- 10.50 Variety Show featuring singer Hamid Al Sharrif, Azif Al Urooj, Majdi Al Hussaini and others. Hosted by Rolah Al Farah
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 World News via Satellite
- 12.25 Holy Quran Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Heathcliff: cartoons
- 6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of naval communications
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
- 7.30 Valerie: "Roots of Evil". David tries to take the pocket money of his younger brothers to buy a car
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 The Flying Doctors: "Forgiveness". A woman fears the worst when she sees a stranger near her home in the wilderness
- 9.30 My Two Dads: "Friends and Lovers". Nicole blames herself for the rift between Michael and his girlfriend
- 10.00 Hillary's Adventures
- 10.30 Bestseller: "Home Fires". The story of an attorney whose life is in disarray
- 11.30 News Summary: Magazine d'Actualite Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



The Flying Doctors are in a forgiving mood in tonight's episode, KTV 2.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- Morning**
0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Bands with a beat
- 0920 Songs and Music
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 Pick of the Pops
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service

- Evening**
2100 Opening
- 2102 The Young Sound
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 The World of Sports
- 2215 In the French Mood
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Pop Session Special
- 2400 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)
- 6100 News Summary (followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4)
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The Third Policeman
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 Trivia Test Match
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 English Songsmiths
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades

Al Salmiya
Roller Boogie
Starring: Linda Blair

Al Hamra
Al Fuloos Wal Wahoosh (Arabic)
Starring: Mohammad Subhi, Madiha Kamil

Drive-In
Al Kamasha (Arabic)
Starring: Feroz Khan, Zeenat Aman

Fahsheel Open-Air
Pyar Ki Jeet (Hindi)

Al Fahsheel
Itha Samayamayi (Malayalam)
Al Jahra
Harjaee (Hindi)
Granada
Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi)
Sulaibikhat
La Battant (French)
Al Jleeb
Ponnu (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
The New Kids

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A WISE man changes his mind, a fool never — Spanish proverb.

Israeli soldiers weary of street battles

By Nicolas B. Tatro

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank. (AP): The soldiers call it the "rush hour."

Each day about 4 pm groups of Palestinian youths barricade streets with burning tyres and hurl stones at Israeli soldiers. Each time, the soldiers give chase through the narrow winding streets of the city's outdoor market.

"It's some sort of a game, but it gets serious from time to time," said Captain Ammon, a reservist who was identified only by his first name in keeping with Army regulations.

As he spoke, a column of black smoke rose from a burning tyre, signalling the start of the daily ritual of disturbances in this West Bank city of 120,000.

The soldiers in Ammon's company say they are weary and frustrated with the lethal game that by Army count has left 15 Nablus Arabs dead and nearly 150 injured in the past two months.

"It's like chasing our tail. If we go up the hill, they go down. If we go down, they go up," said Lt. Moshe.

Pelt

As he and the other soldiers spoke to a reporter on a hillside road, Arab youths sneaked up and pelted stones at the soldiers. The soldiers dashed down the hill, but the youths had vanished.

Lt. Moshe, a student in his 20s, and Pvt. Shalom, a farmer in his 30s, pulled up in a jeep with a makeshift top of spare tyres and wire mesh serving as a protection against cement blocks dropped from rooftops.

"I don't want rocks dropped on my head, and I don't want to shoot them. But if I don't have a choice..." said Shalom, his sentence ending in a shrug.

Soldiers have ordered to refrain from firing unless their lives are in danger or they are the targets of firebombs.

For all other threats, they are supposed to use tear gas, rubber bullets or plastic bullets.

"Frankly speaking, almost anything can be life-threatening," said Captain Ammon, fatigue showing in the dark smudges under his eyes.

He said soldiers faced three to four dangerous situations every

day and it was often a struggle to maintain restraint. The threats ranged from ball bearings fired from slingshots to stones hurled at drivers.

"It's difficult to tell soldiers they have to stay cool. After three weeks of this, everyone gets mad," said Ammon, a textile merchant and veteran of the 1982-85 Lebanon war.

"I explain every day to the men that to shoot three or four Arabs is not going to solve the problem or move us forward one bit."

During a daylong tour with soldiers in Nablus, 37 miles (59 km) north of occupied Jerusalem, a reporter heard the crackle of gunfire about 20 times, although most were apparently warning shots.

By Army count, one Arab was wounded in the leg by live ammunition, two by experimental plastic bullets and two by rubber bullets.

At one point, the radio on Maj. Elkana's jeep crackled and a soldier manning a lookout post asked permission to shoot. He proposed using a .22 calibre rifle to shoot at the legs of about 20 protesters erecting barricades on a main thoroughfare.

"Absolutely not," snapped Elkana. "You are not to shoot without my authorization."

Presence

Elkana, 32, from a Kibbutz near Tel Aviv, said soldiers had to show a presence throughout the city because "we are the law here."

But he said he did not normally send his men into the maze-like network of narrow alleyways that made up the old city as long as Palestinians did not try to block main roads.

"See that fire?" he said, pointing to a burning tyre about 100 yards from the main road. "I'm going to let it go. If we try to put it out, they will throw stones and then we have to run after them. I prefer to choose the time and place."

One hour later, squads of 10 to 20 Palestinians tried to choke off a main street by simultaneously setting up burning barricades at both ends.

Soldiers called in a bulldozer, which charged through one makeshift barricade, ripping open a water pipe that sprayed the smoldering debris.

Tibetan youths itching for a fight

By Steve Tuemmler

DHARAMSALA, India. (UPI): Lobsang Jinpa hardly looks like a revolutionary. Diminutive and re-bowed, he spent years absorbing principles of non-violence and studying Buddhist scriptures at Sera Monastery in Lhasa, Tibet.

But behind the 22-year-old's sparkling brown eyes and serene smile lurks the spirit of a rebel who claims he helped lead violent protests in Tibet's capital in October against Chinese rule.

Jinpa said the Chinese government put a price on his head, forcing him to go underground and then flee to India in June. Now, the young monk says, Tibetans must seek foreign assistance to launch an armed revolt for independence.

"The Tibetan way to fight is increasing day by day," said Jinpa through an interpreter.

Militancy

Jinpa's militancy is shared by a growing number of young Tibetan exiles frustrated with the efforts of their exiled god-king, the Dalai Lama, to win independence for their "roof of the world" homeland through non-violence and compromise.

Many of these youths, by allegedly brutal Chinese repression of Tibetan dissent, say they are ready to fight a guerrilla war against the world's largest Army.

"If the world thinks Tibetans are pacifists, it is not true," said Tashi Namgyal, 34, general secretary of the 10,000-member Tibetan Youth Congress, which seeks to oust the Chinese. "Tibetans will shed blood for independence."

Tibetan youth leaders in this remote mountain-top town 250 miles (400 km) north of New Delhi said they will accept nothing less than complete independence for their homeland, ruled by China since 1951.

Militants said they still revere the Dalai Lama as Tibet's spiritual and national leader. But their embrace of violence signals

an erosion in the influence of the 54-year-old advocate of peaceful civil disobedience.

"The Dalai Lama is the greatest leader in world history," said Namgyal. "(But) the world seems to be ignoring (his) peaceful methods. We are taking this step in desperation."

In a recent interview, the Dalai Lama acknowledged that many Tibetan exiles oppose his latest compromise proposal for autonomy from China, under which Beijing would retain control over Tibet's foreign policy and — for a limited period — defence.

But the Dalai Lama, who fled to India in 1959 with tens of thousands of followers after a failed insurrection against Chinese rule, staunchly held to his pacifist beliefs, saying violence was anathema to Buddhist principles.

"If we lose our high moral principles, we are no longer human beings," he said.

Riots

Anti-Chinese riots that have convulsed Tibetan cities since last September have left at least 12 people dead and hundreds imprisoned and injured, although to date there have been no signs of an organised insurgency against Beijing's rule.

But the Tibetan Youth Congress plans to hold a conference in September during which a formal proposal will be made for a guerrilla struggle involving assassinations and attacks on Chinese installations.

Youth Congress leaders said they expected most of their members to endorse the call to arms, even though the dream of ousting China through guerrilla warfare was likely to remain just that.

No country is likely to support the exiles, who acknowledged they lack funds to buy arms.

India and Nepal, the two countries that provide sanctuary to most Tibetan exiles, are certain to block any insurgency from their territories to avoid disturbing relations with their giant neighbour.

Path to peace in Gulf long

By Hans Neuerbourg

TEHRAN, (AP): Repairing the ravages of war and relations with Iraq will be a long, tedious process in which much depends on the political fortunes of the man responsible for Iran's more conciliatory policy.

The effort began when peace negotiations opened in Geneva on Thursday, five days after a UN-sponsored truce took effect in the 8-year-old conflict, which cost up to one million lives and hundreds of billions of dollars.

Control

At centre stage is Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of Iran's parliament, who also became armed forces commander a month before Iran accepted a UN ceasefire resolution July 18.

The Security Council passed resolution 598 unanimously a year earlier and Iraq agreed to it, but Iran had not.

Rafsanjani, 54, has the public backing of Ayatollah Khomeini, the 87-year-old patriarch whose fundamentalist Muslim revolution overthrew the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi in February 1979.

Much depends on Rafsanjani

"Virtually everything depends on whether Rafsanjani, a pragmatist, will be able to control the hardliners," said a West European diplomat, who spoke privately as did all others interviewed during a 10-day visit to Iran.

"Let us hope that Khomeini will be around long enough to allow him to get really settled."

Khomeini has designated Ayatollah Hussain Ali Montazeri his successor, but a power struggle began some time ago.

The health of the aging imam, the religious title Iranians use when referring to Khomeini, became a recurring subject of speculation almost immediately after the revolution.

"I heard him rumoured terminally ill ever since I was assigned to Tehran three years ago," another diplomat said, "but when I last saw him a few months ago, he seemed quite all right to me. He spoke coherently without text for 15 minutes. I am not sure



Hashemi Rafsanjani

many much younger public figures in my country are able to do likewise."

Huge tasks confront the leadership. Three years ago, the official Iranian assessment of war damage already was the equivalent of \$350 billion. Last week, the Tehran newspaper Kayhan estimated losses to date at \$600 billion, more than all the money Iran's oil exports have

earned since they began. Western analysts say two-thirds of Iranian industry is idle, lacking trained management, spare parts and the necessary semi-finished products. Of 77 "major revolutionary projects" in all branches of industry announced nine years ago, only four have survived in official plans.

Daily blackouts illustrate the effect of Iraqi air raids on power stations. Oil refineries have been so badly damaged that one-third of the petroleum products Iran now consumes must be imported.

Oil output was put officially at 2.2 million barrels a day in March-June, little more than one-third the level of a decade ago, and full production probably would not exceed 3.3 million.

Iranian officials hope quota enforcement by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting countries will bolster prices, but

diplomats say Iraq, which ran up an estimated \$100 billion in foreign debt during the war, may continue to ignore the quotas.

Agricultural output in Iran also suffered and food imports now cost \$2 billion a year, equivalent to almost a third of oil revenue.

Prospects of reducing the bill are not good because the population grew from 38 million to 50 million in the decade ending in 1986. The birth rate of 3.5 per cent is among the world's highest.

Random interviews suggest average Iranians hope for foreign investment. "They are hungry for our market," a student said about several high-level foreign trade delegations that visited the country recently.

Iran's foreign debt is roughly balanced by its \$4 billion in foreign exchange reserves and there is no record of a contract not having been fulfilled, accord-

ing to Western trade officials. "Iranians are very credit-worthy," one said.

There is no indication so far that the government wants to borrow.

After a two-day visit to Tehran, foreign minister Tom Hayden of Australia said: "No one has asked us for aid. These people have run their economy prudently. They are looking forward to maintaining self-sufficiency and national respect and confidence."

A senior European diplomat said: "Recovery will not be feasible without some kind of open-door trade policy," adding that the war's end may not free much capital because of the need to modernise and replenish the military arsenal.

Normalising relations with Washington will take time, diplomats agree.

An effigy of US President Ronald Reagan hanging from gallows was a feature of a "march of allegiance to the imam" early this month and Rafsanjani probably will be reluctant to antagonise hardliners by promoting ties.

Bangladesh may always have to look abroad for its food

By Syed Ahmeduzzaman

JOYDEVPUR, Bangladesh. (Reuters): Bangladeshis do not like potatoes.

It would help if they did, agricultural experts said, since changing dietary habits would boost efforts to help the impoverished nation feed itself.

The government has long tried to get its 105 million people to change their dietary habits and eat potatoes — it grows about 1.2 million tonnes of them a year — and so lessen dependence on rice and wheat.

"We are trying every way and telling them to eat more potatoes, vegetables and fruits. But the impact of the campaign is still small on the majority of the people living in the villages," a Food Ministry official said.

"Changing the people's food habits seems almost an impossible task. They would prefer to starve rather than try something other than rice and wheat," another official said.

Tragedy

"This amounts to a tragedy because 80 per cent of our population live below the international poverty line," he said.

Agriculture experts working on a government project to raise farm production might be an impossible goal.

Squeezing more production from the country's poor soil is not possible without spending millions of dollars — which the government does not have — on buying fertiliser.

"We are puzzled over the government's aim to increase annual rice and wheat production by four million tonnes to 20 million by 1992," said Mohammad Mohsin Mondol, director general of the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute at Joydevpur, north of Dhaka.

"The government has already extended the time-frame for attaining food self-sufficiency by two years from 1990, but it still looks like a too ambitious project," he said in an interview.

Institute officials said Bangladesh would need to almost triple its annual use of fertiliser to three million tonnes, mostly

zinc sulphate, on existing farmland.

"There is no way to bring more land under cultivation," said one. Bangladesh's 11 million hectares (27 million acres) of farmland are already feeling the pressure of a growing population, increasing by 2.4 per cent a year.

The government is pinning its hopes largely on cultivating high yielding varieties of rice, the staple food of the country, and developing rice plants to withstand flood.

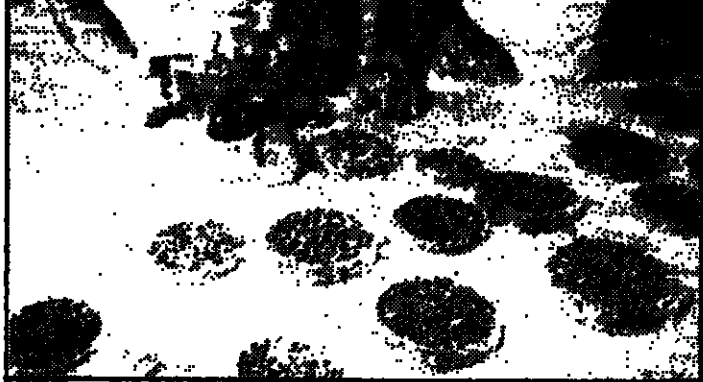
It hopes to produce 17.5 million tonnes of foodgrains in the fiscal year which started on July 1 — more than one million tonnes up on last year. Even if that target is achieved the country will still need to import more than two million tonnes to cover domestic food needs.

While population growth is constant, agricultural production is less predictable and frequently cut by bad weather. "Much of a breakthrough in agriculture depend on the mercy of nature," Mondal said referring to the recurrent monsoon floods.

In the last year, the government had to import more than three million tonnes of grain to cover destruction to the rice crop following the worst floods in 40 years.

According to government estimates, more floods in June and July swept away another 1.33 million tonnes of rice.

Mondal calculated that another 12 per cent of the country's annual food output is devoured by pests or wasted during harvest and marketing.



Scientists working at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute at Joydevpur, north of Dhaka, are assigned the prime role in implementing the government's plan to achieve self-sufficiency in foodgrains by 1992.

By Daniel S. Mariaschin

WASHINGTON: Brazil's reported agreement to sell \$2 billion in arms to Libya underscores the immense contradictions in Brasilia's foreign policy tradition.

From a small, home-centred cottage industry only a decade ago, Brazil's armaments business has burgeoned. By most accounts, it now ranks sixth in exports worldwide, delivered to almost 40 countries on five continents. Its tanks, armoured personnel carriers, missiles, and rocket launchers are less expensive and less complex than American, French or Soviet versions and are increasingly in demand by developing and "non-aligned" nations. The Tucan single engine trainer, for example, is outselling its European competition and is considered by many experts to be the best in its field.

Brazil's weapons industry received an unexpected push when the Carter administration, citing human rights violations, ended its traditional relationship with the country. Mounting economic difficulties and a foreign debt of more than \$100 billion have made the weapons industry an important hard-currency earner.

Exports

In the process, Brazil sends one-third of its arms exports to the Middle East. Because it does not impose end-user restrictions, Brazil has become an armorer to both sides of the Gulf war. Iraq has been its biggest customer (troop carriers, multiple rocket launchers, bombs, and

Brazil's armaments business growing

other ordnance), but Iran's arsenal also boasts similar weapons, more than likely acquired through Libya. Saudi Arabia is certain to surpass the Iraqis and the Libyans; it has signed agreements to purchase the entire array offered in the Brazilian catalogue, including trainers, tanks, naval frigates and corvettes, air-to-air missiles, and a new fighter, the AMX.

There is no apparent hesitation or compunction in Brasilia about the dangers of arming both sides in a conflict that, if not checked, could involve both superpowers as active combatants. Nor do there seem to be any second thoughts about supplying weapons to countries that are involved in state-supported terrorism.

A Brazilian weapons industry catalogue notes that "Brazil abides by the principle that the sale of defence material is not a part nor an instrument of Brazilian foreign policy." A senior defence official, in a recent Reuters interview, perhaps put it best: "We have a huge foreign debt and we need to export to pay interest. This is what we do."

Arms sales are indeed an accepted way of doing business in the developed world and Brazil is certainly entitled to its market share. But when it does so at the expense of its traditions and better judgement it does neither itself nor its friends and

allies any favours.

Over the course of its nearly 170 years of independence Brazil has been a close friend of the United States and a major political influence in South America.

It has conducted a non-confrontational, consensus-oriented foreign policy throughout Latin America. Brazil is a founding member of the Amazon Pact and a member of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Liba sub-group on the Contadora Process, and the Cartagena Group on Latin debt.

Brazil has the increasing respect of neighbouring states, which have harboured generations-old apprehension and mistrust toward it. Interestingly, it has largely refrained from selling weapons in Central and South America. Small-scale assistance programmes to Paraguay and Suriname (to counter Cuban influence), and the sale of a squadron of Tucanos to Honduras, are the extent of what easily could be a Brazilian-armed continent.

A nation with a responsible diplomatic tradition and alignment with the West cannot easily dismiss the consequences of its current arms-sales policy. Surely Brazil does not share with Iraq and Iran a desire to see a "fight to the finish" in the Gulf in which the West could wind up a strategic loser.

By David Storey

BANGKOK, (Reuters): The uprising against Burma's leaders has built up such momentum they may be robbed of the chance of dignified retreat, diplomats said.

As hundreds of thousands of jubilant protesters swarmed through cities and towns, public administration collapsed, even the few weeks the leaders were trying to buy seemed too long.

"Things are moving faster than anyone ever thought and the timetable laid down by Maung Maung may have to be scrapped," a Western ambassador said.

The proposal by Maung Maung, a 63-year-old former judge who last week became Burma's third leader in a month, is for an emergency party congress on Sept 12 to agree on a referendum on whether to end 26 years of one-party rule.

It would be the first time a civilian single-party state had been overthrown peacefully in favour of multi-party democracy, diplomats said.

Many diplomats and Burmese contacted from Bangkok had reservations about an immediate switch from the rigid control of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) into uncharted political territory.

But, as with popular movements against restrictive political systems elsewhere, including

Burma's leaders may be robbed of dignified retreat

Poland in 1980 and the Philippines in 1986, caution plays no part in the opposition's thinking.

"They think they have won half the battle, that the party is now dead. Now they want to bury the constitution," another diplomat said. Under the 1974 constitution the BSPP is the only legitimate political force.

Demonstrators on the streets ridiculed the idea of a referendum, saying the mass rallies embracing workers, students, government employees, doctors, teachers, Buddhist monks and Muslim leaders, provided the people's answer.

To judge from exuberant speeches made from makeshift bamboo-pole podiums and posters plastered on the red brick walls of the old capital, there has been little time for reflection on what might replace the BSPP.

Two figures have emerged as rallying points — prominent dissident Aung Gyi and Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of revered national hero Aung San.

Aung Gyi, released from jail on Thursday with 16 other political detainees, is a 70-year-old retired brigadier who published five open letters in the last year condemning atrocities and incompetence under the 26-year government of General Ne Win, who stepped down last month.

He was given a tumultuous reception when he addressed a big rally in the working class district of Myingone hours after being freed from nearly four

weeks' imprisonment in Rangoon's Insein jail.

The rally was near the spot where the first students were shot by martial law troops in four days of mayhem starting on Aug 9.

Although he was alongside Ne Win in the 1962 coup, Aung Gyi fell out with his former mentor a year later and after years of low profile, when he built up a chain of tea shops, he has emerged a favourite of the long-suppressed opposition.

"In his last letter on July 19 he warned that the country could become 'an animal kingdom'. He accused BSPP leaders of turning a blind eye to beating and rape of detainees."

Diplomats predicted possible differences between him and Aung San Suu Kyi, 42, who has been living in Oxford, England but whose family name, in the words of one diplomat, "is magic."

"Aung Gyi is a successful private sector businessman. She, more like her father, is an idealist," commented a Rangoon resident who monitors political events.

"To a certain extent they are on different sets of political tracks. There is not much in common between them," he added.

The two were due to share a platform during a massive rally on Friday near the towering Shwedagon pagoda where Aung San also addressed political rallies.

Bomb blasts are good news for some

explode. The August 13 blast was grist to those white South Africans who believe the ANC, contrary to its stated policy of concentrating on military and police targets, is turning against "soft" civilian targets in the white suburbs.

The attack also underlined what outsiders see as an amazing lack of security consciousness among whites.

Unlike at other South African shopping centres where guards check shoppers' parcels and bags at least cursorily for weapons and bombs, there were no visible precautions at the Hyde Park arcade.

But attitudes are changing, Hamilton said. "The threat is no

longer something that happens to somebody else. It has now been demonstrated that this could happen to me and my family."

The inhibitors, now being produced at the rate of 1,000 a month, come in several sizes: A small round one, price 250 rand (\$100), designed to smother hand grenades, a larger model (675 rand) for the oblong limb mines which are a favourite ANC weapon, and finally a jumbo version (7,500 rand) for parcel and suitcase bombs.

The inhibitor is made of a rubber compound filled with a liquid containing an additive imported from the United States, one of many countries which have shown interest in the device.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1532 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, ravages Carinthia and Croatia.
- 1574 — Treaty of Bristol settles commercial disputes between English and Spanish merchants.
- 1619 — Gabor Bethlen of Transylvania invades Hungary.
- 1640 — Scots defeat British force at Newburn-on-Tyne.
- 1793 — British force under Admiral Alexander Hood occupies Toulon, France.
- 1833 — British parliament bans slavery throughout British empire.
- 1846 — Boers are defeated at Boomplaat by British forces and retire across Vaal River, thus insuring Orange River sovereignty.
- 1849 — Venice, Italy, submits to Austria after long siege.
- 1879 — British troops capture Ceteywayo in Zululand with Africa.
- 1910 — Montenegro is proclaimed independent kingdom under Nicholas I.
- 1928 — All-party congress at Lucknow, India, votes for dominion status within British empire.
- 1943 — Japanese resistance ends on Island of New Georgia in the Solomons during World War II.
- 1973 — Earthquake hits area southwest of Mexico City, killing 500 people and injuring 1,000 others.
- 1975 — France flies troops and police to its Mediterranean island of Corsica to quell demonstrations for autonomy.
- 1986 — Bolivian government imposes nationwide state of siege in response to march to La Paz by about 7,000 miners opposed to closing of mines.
- 1987 — Leftist rebels in El Salvador propose five-day ceasefire in September in their almost 8-year-old war against US-supported government.

Dehydration one of the prime causes of heat stroke

Take the heat off vigorous exercise

According to the American College of Sports Medicine, the amount of heat produced in muscles that are exercising hard is 15 to 20 times that which is produced in muscles at rest. Even short runs can raise body temperature to the point where serious injury can occur.

By Paul Raeburn

NEW YORK (AP): Vigorous exercise such as running, bicycling or even hiking uphill in intense heat can lead to heat stroke and possibly a heart attack with few warning signs, researchers say.

The danger becomes even greater when the air contains high levels of carbon monoxide and ozone, both of which put additional stress on the heart and lungs, one of the researchers said in an interview recently.

The researchers were interviewed following the recent disclosure that two men had died after competing in races in New York's Central Park during this summer's intense US heat wave.

"I don't think it's generally recognized that even in these short races, when you're exercising very intensely and you're not trained or acclimated, you can very quickly produce and store enough heat to kill you," said Edward Coyle, director of the Human Performance Laboratory at the University of Texas in Austin.

"They were untrained, unacclimated and they were running very intensely for their level of ability," he said.

In New York and many other parts of the country, the intense heat has often been accompanied by unusually high pollution and ozone levels.

Carbon monoxide can trigger a heart attack in exercisers who unknowingly have latent coronary artery disease, said Peter Raven, an exercise physiologist at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Worth.

Ozone irritates the lungs, causing the tiny airways in the lungs to shrink and decreasing the amount of breath taken in with each inhalation, Raven said.

"We've had elite cyclists complain at very low levels of ozone that they couldn't perform anywhere near where they're used to," he said.

Exercisers should be concerned whenever the ozone level is reported to be higher than one-tenth of one part per million, Raven said.

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Even short races can raise body temperature to the point where serious injury can occur, the college says.

This problem is not limited to runners, but can occur with any type of exercise that involves expending a lot of energy, including brisk walking and hiking, especially uphill, Coyle said.

Coyle, an expert on fluid loss and replacement during exercise, said that dehydration is one of the prime causes of heat stroke.

Trouble

Unfortunately, dehydration is a difficult thing for an exerciser to be aware of, Coyle said. "It's difficult to tell that you are in danger because you don't often get sufficient warning time, or you don't get warnings early enough."

Exercisers who are seriously dehydrated will feel chilled and stop sweating, Coyle said. Their skin turns white and they will feel tingling sensations — the



Vigorous exercise in extreme heat can lead to danger with few warning signs.

hair on the back of the neck stands up.

"At that point you know you're in trouble. Stop exercising and seek some help to try to cool yourself down. Usually at that point you're not thinking very clearly, so it's important to try to get some help," Coyle said.

Raven noted that many exercisers will develop a headache, especially around the temples.

the first sign of impending heat stroke.

"People will have it but they tend to ignore it," he said. "And that's the danger signal."

Researchers had these tips for people who want to exercise on warm days:

- Drink at least a quart of water per hour of exercise. Avoid drinks high in sugar and other carbohydrates because they stay in the stomach too long.

- Take a week to gradually increase your exercise programme so that you become acclimated to the heat and pollution. The body adapts to cool itself faster. The more acclimated you are, however, the more water you need.
- Exercise before 8 am or after 7 pm.
- Watch children carefully, because they can become overheated more easily than adults.

A new look at obesity

Is obesity the penalty of overeating? Scientists at a laboratory in England believe they have the first clear evidence that it is metabolism, not food intake, that holds the key.



Her metabolism problems may be a cause of obesity

By John Webb

TWO new findings in Britain may have a major impact on the age-old problem of obesity and the need to slim.

It is generally thought that obesity is the penalty of overeating, but scientists at the Dunn Nutrition Laboratory in Cambridge, eastern England, believe they have the first clear evidence that it is metabolism, not food intake, that holds the key.

Previous research was hampered by the fact that it focused on people who had already become fat, making it difficult to interpret results. Methods of measuring people's daily intake of energy and their energy expenditure were not very reliable.

Dr Alan Lucas and

colleagues at the Cambridge laboratory therefore decided to investigate babies of overweight mothers who had a very good chance of becoming overweight themselves. They gave the babies water enriched with harmless stable isotopes, heavy hydrogen or heavy oxygen, and studied the way it was lost from their bodies over the following couple of weeks. By measuring body fluids such as urine it was possible to measure how much energy the babies expended and how many calories they had consumed.

Dr Lucas commented: "We spent a year monitoring the babies of overweight mothers. In fact, 50 per cent of them did become overweight, so we could compare them with the 50 per cent that did not, as well as with the babies of thin mothers who were unlikely to



Is he genetically programmed to be fat?

become overweight."

The most important finding was that at three months of age, when neither group had diverged from the other in terms of body fat, the babies who were destined to become overweight had a drop in their energy expenditure although their energy intake remained the same.

Dr Lucas explained: "This means that the babies who became overweight were not doing so because they were eating more. It was because there was a reduction in the number of calories they burned off. This is probably one of the first very clear experiments in this area, using modern technology, which has shown that in man it is possible to become overweight not due to overeating but to a problem of metabolism."

New drug may burn off excess pounds

WHATEVER the cause of obesity it may soon be possible to burn off that unwanted fat. Tests in Scotland have shown that an experimental drug, code-named BRL 26830A, can achieve 50 per cent more weight loss than a calorie controlled diet.

The drug, described as a new atypical beta adrenoceptor agonist, was given daily to 16 overweight volunteers, mostly women, while a similar number received a dummy drug. During the 18 weeks of the study,

both groups were on a low fat, high fibre diet. The results showed that those on the genuine drug lost almost 6.3 kg more than those given the dummy drug.

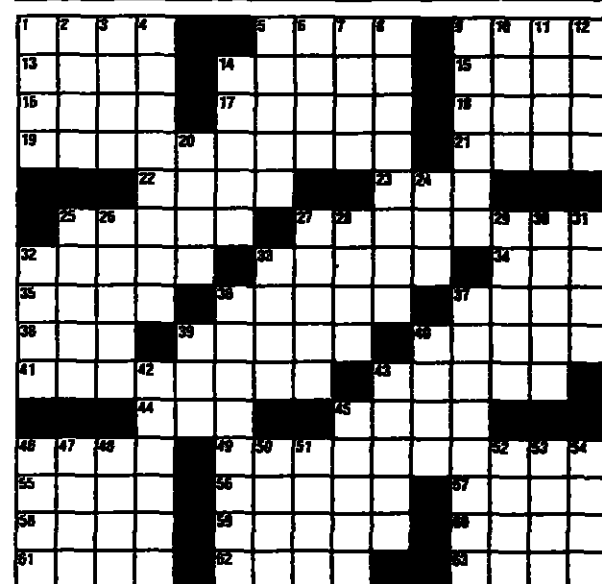
In the past, people with weight problems were given appetite suppressing drugs, but the new treatment works by stimulating the body's metabolic rate to burn off excess fat.

Dr Alan Connacher, who carried out the drug tests at

Ninewells Hospital in Dundee, Scotland, explained: "When people go on diet, the metabolic rate falls but this drug increases it and burns off fat. And there is no detrimental effect on muscle."

Many more tests will be necessary, however, before BRL 26830A reaches the public because although the researchers know what it can achieve they do not yet fully understand how it works. Tests on rats suggest that the site of action may be skeletal muscle.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SERVE OATEN OIL
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A108752 ♥93 ♦A106 ♣A7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You need do no more, for the moment, than bid three spades. While partner's jump to three clubs was invitational, not forcing, your suit rebid is a one-round force. To jump would both crowd the auction and bypass three no trump, which could be your best game.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A108752 ♥93 ♦A106 ♣A7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—You almost surely have a slam if partner has a heart control; indeed, you might even have a grand slam. To launch your investigation, make a cue-bid of five clubs. Note that, with spades as the agreed trump suit, you are not looking for a club contract but are probing for slam.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ92 ♥KJ6 ♦K92 ♣QJ8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Your opening no trump promised a balanced hand of 16-18 points. You are minimum for such

action, despite the fact that you have excellent support for partner's suit. He might have a complete bust. Trust him and pass.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ92 ♥KJ6 ♦K108 ♣K109
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Even though the same limits apply to your opening bid, this time you have a near maximum no trump opening with excellent support. You can show that by raising to three spades.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ92 ♥KJ6 ♦K92 ♣QJ8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Despite your superb trump support, you have a minimum no trump opening bid. You can get this message across to partner by simply raising to four spades.

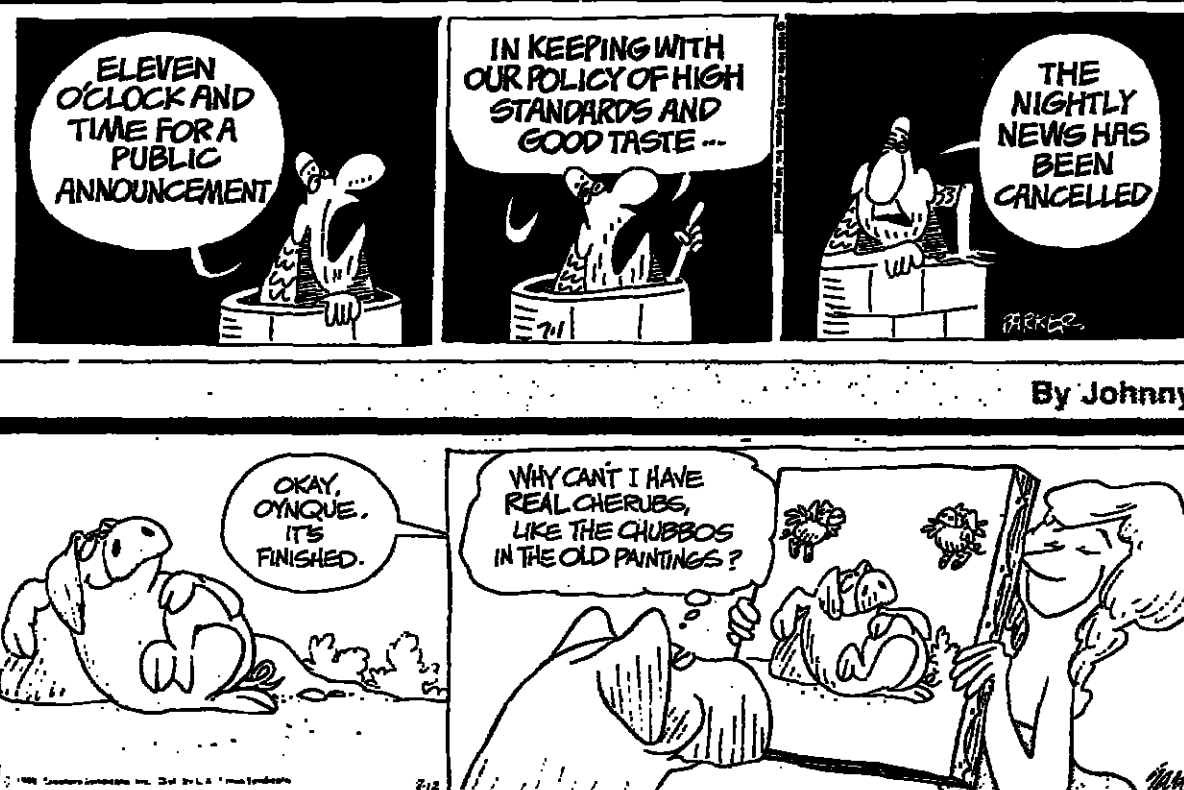
Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ2 ♥KJ6 ♦K92 ♣AJ103
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—This time you want to tell partner that you have good trump support and a maximum no trump opening bid. You do that by making the cheapest available cue-bid; in this case, four clubs.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS

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| Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You will be able to have a pleasant and interesting day. You will have some personal success but should not let it go to your head. Avoid committing yourself to something you will find it difficult to carry out. Be lenient. | Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
The situation is favourable and there is no need to concern yourself about something that will not happen. Avoid doing anything you feel is wrong. Try to ensure you do not do anything injurious to your health. Be respectful. | Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You will be able to do something you have set your mind upon. Make sure your partner does not feel neglected or unloved. Do not do anything you do not feel is right. Be generous. | Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)
The prospects are good and you will be able to spend the day relaxing. A personal project should not be put on one side. You should try to restrain your impulses and not give free rein to your emotions. Be sensible. |
| Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be able to have a pleasant and interesting day. You will have some personal success but should not let it go to your head. Avoid committing yourself to something you will find it difficult to carry out. Be lenient. | Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
Do not despair if progress with something you are learning is rather slow. You should not exaggerate or go to extremes. You should think carefully before asking up our mind. Be more tolerant. | Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will feel a little unsure of yourself. You will be rather lacking in energy so do try to relax. Do not confuse what is with what you would like to be. Be more constructive. | Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will be able to do something that is practical and you should not pay too much attention to your intuition just now. If you ask a friend a favour do not be too demanding. |
| Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will tend to be a little on the gloomy side, there is no need to be. You should concentrate on doing what has to be done and then relax. An old friend will be pleased to hear from you. Be cordial. | Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Venus' more favourable influence will help you to sort out your emotions. You should not ignore good advice. Be more amenable. | Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You should try to take it easy today. You must not allow anything to upset your inner peace of mind. Make sure you do not ask for more than you know you are entitled to and can reasonably expect. Be moderate. | Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
You will have to make sure that you do not allow your emotions to run away with you. You must avoid doing anything that could well prove injurious to your health. There is no reason to lose faith in yourself. Be more self-reliant. |

FILIPINO DIGEST

SNIPPETS

Cocaine plantation discovered

BACOLOD CITY: A nine-hectare coca plantation with a cocaine laboratory believed run by Americans for an international drug syndicate was discovered on an islet off Concepcion town, Iloilo.

The investigator, who refused to be identified, said 1,000 fully-grown coca plants, several smaller plants, seedlings and a clandestine laboratory were found on Agho island.

The investigator refused to name the suspects, but radio reporters at the scene identified the Americans as Tom and Terry Court of Wisconsin. They are still at large.

The investigator said four more foreign producers believed to be involved in cocaine production are under surveillance on Panay island.

The discovery of the coca plantation was the result of an intelligence operation that began in 1984, the investigator said.

The plants and laboratory were found on a hilltop on the island where people approaching could easily be spotted.



Vilma: paid her dues

Vilma bows to taxman

ACTRESS Vilma Santos yesterday paid her tax liabilities at the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) main office in Quezon City amounting to millions of pesos.

Santos handed her payment to BIR Commissioner Bienvenido Tan Jr. who was accompanied by Manila Regional director Felicidad Viray and head of the special investigation team Alfredo Cercado.

Tan withheld the amount of tax liabilities paid by Santos. The BIR earlier slapped Santos with some P4 million in tax deficiencies.

Thousands of excited BIR employees and fans of Santos went wild trying to see the actress and get her autograph.

Santos' payment was part of the voluntary tax compliance encouraged by the government among tax payers, notably well-known personalities and corporate firms being investigated by the BIR, Cercado said.

Gringo's brother arrested

TWENTY-ONE persons, two of them close relatives of dismissed Army Lt. Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, were arrested for illegal possession of firearms and prohibited drugs in a raid at a beachhouse in Malate, Manila.

Ten drug users were also arrested after allegedly holding a pot session in the middle of a street in Makati.

Honasan, a noted sportsman once dubbed as Mr. Football, is a younger brother of Gringo, alleged leader of the bloody August 1987 coup. Orosa is his nephew, who had earlier been arrested by Pusu city policemen for similar charges. The two Fuentesbellas are grandsons of Felix Fuentesbela, former Bicol governor.

Police told newsmen they found a .22 caliber revolver from Honasan and a .38 caliber revolver from Hansen.

Police said they also found during the raid "one flowering marijuana top, one cigarette pipe containing marijuana residue, two aluminum foils containing 'shabu' — a kind of synthetic cocaine, one aluminum foil containing shabu residue, one glass tube, and an empty plastic bag."

Police alleged that it was Lim who had supplied the group with prohibited drugs.

'Regal Baby' robbed

NEW REGAL Baby and "GMA Supershow" co-host Jean Garcia was divested of some P100,000 in cash, clothes and jewellery by unidentified robbers in Malate.

Garcia told Western Police District theft and robbery section probers that she was with her manager inside the beauty parlour of Reggie Regalado on Maria Orosa St., cor. Pedro Gil, Malate, when the robbery took place.

Recent criticism just a repeat of contemporary history

Aquino's presidential 'honeymoon' over

By Pete de Jesus

President, City Council of Manila

IN her latest TV appearances we noted faint traces of unfamiliar haggardness in President Cory's countenance.

There was detectable pain in her voice as she dealt at length on the charges levelled at her relatives. She seemed in despair that the virioli in the criticisms against some of her kin was ultimately aimed at her.

There is no reason for despair. The President's integrity has not been directly impugned — and the mass of our people still accept the invulnerability of her integrity in the face of whatever her enemies may contrive to denigrate it.

Whatever is happening now is just a repeat of contemporary history. A new President's "honeymoon" with other leaders in and out of government, especially those in the opposition, usually holds for only a year. After which the President is said to be fair game in the head-hunting proclivities of political

enemies.

President Quirino had his share of brick-bats hurled by his enemies, including that one on a "golden" bed pan. President Magsaysay, despite his vaunted integrity, was not spared denunciation by partisan critics. And so was President Macapagal, the "Incorrigible Idealist," despite his simple ways and disdain for extravagance and ostentations. American President Abraham Lincoln whose honesty no one could challenge was not only pilloried by vocal critics — including Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune — but was also made the butt of ridicule in editorials and cartoons.

Yet, in the reckoning of history, their ultimate worth stood out from the rubble of the criticisms and they are now remembered for their authentic achievements.

What strikes us as curious in the case of President Aquino is the fact that she seems alone in answering accusations against her administration. In past administrations, whenever the President was attacked, you



Aquino: not noted for violent retribution against detractors

would immediately hear a chorus of voices of cabinet members, senators and congressmen defending the President. Why the timidity now?

There seems to be a dearth of those choral voices nowadays.

Apart from the President herself, you find only a handful in her inner circle of officials fending off criticisms.

The President's speechwriters prepare for her well written speeches which are remembered more for their well-balanced sentences and rhythmic phrases than anything else.

The lack of men and women rising in her defence speaks a lot about what is perceived as the President's inability to make her supporters "rally to the flag" in critical times. Bahala siya sa sarili niya, seems to be the idea, insofar as some of her alleged friends are concerned.

Another notable thing in this administration is that most of the noise now about graft in the government are created by the new "recruits," the chameleons who were once lackeys of Marcos cronies. How they got into the Cory administration in so short a time provides a marvellous study in infiltration. Or is it a case of those in power not knowing any better? These newcomers could barely be expected to rise in the President's defence, what frac-

tion of their loyalty to Cory and to the nabobs of the past regime still awaiting to be quantified.

For sure, the attacks on her will escalate in intensity and virulence as the 1992 election nears. Many more will criticise her; any Tom, Dick and Harry will speak out in derogation of her, encouraged by the lack of fear of retribution from a woman President not noted for violent means in dealing with detractors. Her ability or lack of it to take all in strike will be a measure of a leader's capability to govern under severe pressure.

Inveterate critics claim that there is no difference at all between her administration and that of the former dictator. This is what riles and hurts most. For it conveniently ignores the major transformations especially in the Filipino spirit since EDSA.

Oh yes, there is a difference. At least President Aquino will not willfully allow the rape of democracy and the plunder of the nation's wealth. Therein lies the assurance that no matter what her faults are the Republic is in safer hands.

A real life Filipino soap opera

EVERY Sunday at 11 a.m., Ch. 2 telecasts *Overseas Unlimited*, a programme on various matters relevant to Filipino workers abroad.

Hosted by TV Patrol's Noli de Castro and Angelique Lazo, the show is presented with the same variety and briskness that characterizes TV Patrol.

The programme provides a real public service with its great range of features and portions:

Reportage of news items related to overseas workers; peso exchange rates; tips on applying for work abroad; a feature on workers' families in the Philippines; telephone calls to workers abroad; listings of legal and illegal recruiters; a Viewer's Club for possible job placements; contests for Filipino entertainers; a forum for complaints against recruiters; a POEA action team in the studio; and "Kumustahan" galore.

Sidelights

The hosts are competent and caring, and there is the sense that the programme is really bent on improving the lot of our overseas workers and their dependents.

The programme is also full of "human" sidelights. In a recent telecast, a young woman went to

the studio to place a call to her husband, an architect working in Qatar. They asked each other about the letters they had received and the wife said that she had received "letters 74, 75 and 76," while the husband confirmed that he had received "letter 96" from his spouse.

There were tears and repeated avowals of love and missing each other, intimate and heartwarming declarations that are "uniquely Filipino," specially on a public medium like television.

An insight into the operations of recruiting agencies was provided by the announcement that Garantisadong Trabaho, the show's listing of jobs, was being temporarily discontinued because the agencies charged more than the P5,000 legal limit for job placements.

In another phone conversation, a father complained to his son abroad that a relative whose loan he had guaranteed had not paid up, and the old man's properties were about to be held in escrow.

Tears again from the father, and intimate sharing of details regarding finances, as the TV audience intently worried and empathized away. A Filipino soap opera in real life!

The Bantay Bahay feature on workers' relatives was on the seven daughters left behind by a father and mother who were both working in Indonesia.

The children were living in a new house financed by their parents' earnings, but they obviously missed their parents and were unhappy about having to fend for themselves in a parent-less family.

More than a dozen sociological studies, the feature dramatized the sacrifice that workers and their families make, and confronted the viewer with the immeasurable loss experienced by families that are torn apart by the necessity of making money abroad.

The Mga Sikat portion focused on a female impersonator who regaled (shocked?) the audience with his brassy, sassy patter about his life and particular performance style.

The grand finale of the show's contest for dance groups was held that day. Some of the groups inadvertently typified the mediocre choreography, de-nu-mero dancing and out-re costumes that characterise our dance groups performing both here and abroad.

Aquino approves livelihood plan for overseas workers

A P10.8 million livelihood programme for economically dislocated Filipino overseas contract workers (OCWs) has been approved by President Aquino, making it possible for the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) to start its implementation next month.

Drilon said Aquino had approved the P10.8-million livelihood fund proposed by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) for lending to returning OCWs on

easier terms so that they could find other sources of income before the money they have saved from working abroad is spent.

"The President is aware of some returning OCWs who have not been productive upon their return to the country due to the lack of livelihood opportunities and technical information," Drilon said.

He said implementation of the livelihood programme starts in September as soon as the initial amount of

P6,480,000 is released by the National Livelihood Support Fund (NLSF), formerly the Bagong Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran (BKKK) under the Office of the President.

Under the NLSF-OWWA agreement, the Land Bank of the Philippines shall release the funds to the current account of the OWWA-REPROEM to be used mainly to finance the livelihood project of intended beneficiaries.

The programme will be carried out nationwide on the regional levels.

PBA All-Filipino Conference

Great Taste stun Purefoods

GREAT Taste defied the odds last week to stun Purefoods, 127-112, and gained a new lease on life in the PBA All-Filipino at the Ultra.

Veteran Atay Co played the role of atay-chargé guy as he powered the embattled Milk Masters to an all-important victory that insured their continued stay in the fight for a finals slot.

Anejo Run 65, starring Leo Isaac and Sunny Jaworski, beat San Miguel Beer in the second game, 122-111, for its ninth victory and sole possession of second place.

Co scored a game-high 35 points in a 43-minute exposure as Great Taste plucked its seventh victory in 15 games while snapping a five-game losing streak.

But victory did not come that easy.

The Milk Masters, already smarting from an all-time high of P42,000 in fines, saw Allan Caidic yet absorb a stinging fine of P10,000 — coming not from Great Taste management for his vicious attack on a fan after Sunday's riotous game between Great Taste and Anejo.

Caidic, who sprained his shooting arm in the incident, was also suspended one game by Great Taste officials in a handsome gesture of a pioneering effort for internal disciplinary

measures for ballclubs.

Caidic's suspension all the more reduced the Great Taste lineup to just nine as point-guard Alfredo Jarencio was nursing a sprained ankle he suffered during Sunday's game that saw the ejection of Milk Masters Abe King, Dennis Abbatuan and Sonny Cabatu and Anejo's Dante Gonzalo for figuring in a fistfight.

"I told the boys, 'Never mind if we lose for as long as you play your best. We owe it to the fans,' Dalupan said. 'Pangit naman iyang ganito ang sitwasyon tapos lalamatamad pa kami.'"

In a related development, the PBA board of governors held an emergency meeting and agreed to reinstate three PBA rules:

1) Complaints by anybody other than the team captain will not be entertained. Clarifications with the referees can only be done by the team captain during timeouts.

2) Only the head coach may approach Narciso Bernardo, head of the technical committee, during timeouts.

3) Any player approaching the referee when play is on may earn a technical.

The teams were informed of these developments only before the start of the games and Purefoods coach Cris Cailan said: "Parang amateur. Biglang

nahirapan mag-adjust ang mga bata."

Great Taste built 18-point bubbles twice, the last at 116-98, 4:36 to go, behind an inspired game with King and Philip Cezar providing the big back-up for Co.

Purefoods played listlessly and this can be gleaned from its awful 43 per cent shooting from the field, converting only 47 out of 108 attempts.

The loss dropped the Hotdogs to 10-5 but are still on top of the heap.

Individual scores:
FIRST GAME
GREAT TASTE 127 — Co 35, Tumulid 20, Cezar 18, King 16, Santos 12, Cristobal 5, Abbatuan 5, Rolles 4, Cabatu 2.
PUREFOODS 112 — Lantion 27, Marquez 18, Collins 16, Fernandez 13, Solis 10, Patriciano 10, Israel 7, Tancian 6, Generoso 5, Capacio 0.
Quarters: 36-20, 64-50, 98-82, 127-112.
Refs: A. Bartolomeo, E. de Leon, L. Varela.

SECOND GAME
ANEJO 122 — Ampalaya 29, Isaac 27, Jaworski 23, Samarit 14, Gonzalo 14, Loyaga 6, Ducut 5, Salazar 2, Codina 2, Disic 0, Lataza 0.
SAN MIGUEL 111 — Reyes 28, Lim 21, Gulabren 20, Brown 19, Teng 12, Calma 4, Graves 2, Dignadice 2, Almarino 2, Cal 1, Pamaren 0, Ymji 0.
Quarters: 37-30, 59-52, 91-88, 122-111.
Refs: H. Loleuca, E. Bayas, R. Hines.

PBA All-Filipino			
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Purefoods	10	5	
Anejo	9	5	
San Miguel	8	6	
Alaska	8	6	
Great Taste	7	8	

Filipino workers lack protection

LABOUR Secretary Franklin Drilon admitted recently his department's inability to fully protect the rights of 2.5 million Filipino workers abroad due to "lack of facilities that will enable us to monitor" the workers' plight.

Drilon made this admission before congressmen during the question hour where he discussed the country's industrial peace condition and their efforts to generate overseas employment for Filipino workers.

Asked by Rep. Antonio Abaya (KBL, Isabela) how many Filipino workers were incarcerated and beheaded in foreign countries, Drilon instead

referred the lawmaker to the foreign affairs department for the needed statistics.

He said the Department of Labour and Employment coordinates with the foreign office to monitor cases involving Filipino workers overseas.

Drilon added that bilateral agreements with foreign countries will enable DOLE to enforce the provisions of every overseas worker's contracts.

On this, Abaya proposed the formulation of a comprehensive bilateral agreement that will serve as a pro forma contract between the Philippines and any country that imports Filipino labour.

British TV documentary throws new light on confidence trickster

Elizalde's hoax of the century

By June Southworth

THE lost tribe of the rain forest were a beautiful people with no words for enemy or war in their unique language.

Artless and innocent young girls bathed in pools under the waterfalls while the young men scammed up saplings and swung Tarzan-like through the lush leaf canopy wearing nothing but a loincloth made from orchid leaves.

Mothers serenely nursed their babies while the men busied themselves with primitive stone axes. As night fell they all gathered around the fires lit in their caves to share a meal of beetles and frogs.

Into this dream world came Dafil — nicknamed The Bird — a local hunter leading a film crew from the National Geographic, the most prestigious name in the media. With them came the Tasaday tribe's discoverer, Manda Elizalde, the man they called God.

It was 1971 and the scene beggared belief. The National Geographic lost no time in announcing that it had found the last Stone Age tribe in the world living on the remote island of Mindanao, 600 miles south-east of Manila in the Philippines.

A whole new tribe of hard-headed television crews and awestruck anthropologists descended from Manda Elizalde's personal helicopter to record the daily life of the people time forgot.

The National Geographic ran a cover page story marvelling at them "huddled deep in the cave by fires where roots bake and leaf-wrapped tadpoles steam" — "leaf-skirted, bare-breasted, shapely young women knelt shyly beside us, smiling briefly in response to a light caress" — a child clings to its mother, reflecting the affection that permeates all Tasaday life.

Barely three years later, Elizalde shut the door on the world again and sealed off the area.

Excited

The tribe was listed in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Sociologists had not been so excited since Margaret Mead's Coming of Age in Samoa. But like that anthropologist's idyll of the South Sea natives, accepted for 50 years as proof of nurture over nature, going back to the source produced quite a different picture.

Last year, a film crew from Central Television in the UK, infiltrated guerrilla country to



Elizalde: made a monkey of anthropologists

pay a return visit to the Tasaday. The result is a remarkable documentary called *Scandal Of The Lost Tribe*. Men and women recognizable from the original media coverage were found living in ordinary native huts, raising normal crops, wearing tatty T-shirts and frayed jeans.

Had they been exposed too often to Western civilization? Had their way of life been lost forever? Had they come out of the caves for the last time?

No, but they had discovered shame — the shame of taking part in the biggest hoax since the discovery of Pitloftown Man.

A mixture of two well-known tribes, they had never lived in caves. Every time visitors came they had left their huts, taken off their clothes and played elaborate charades in the caves.

Their Stone Age tools were pebbles they picked out of the stream. They had done it for bribes that never materialised, promised by the agents of the man they were told was The Bringer of Good Fortune.

Top investigative reporter Philip Tibenham built up an amazing dossier on Manuel Elizalde Jr., the Taker of Tribal Maidens.

Manda Elizalde was the



Elizalde's 'cavemen' participated in elaborate charades for money



A pilgrimage to detention

By Eva Diaz

UNSCRUPULOUS labour recruiters have started to involve a trip as holy as a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, in schemes to get illegal Filipino workers to Italy.

This surfaced after eight Filipino Medjugorje "pilgrims" were recently arrested and jailed in Yugoslavia for illegally crossing the Yugoslav and Italian border.

A Yugoslav court fined the eight 21,000 Yugoslav dinars for the offense. They are now staying in a pension in Zagreb while waiting for their return tickets to Manila.

On the pretext of touring Medjugorje, where apparitions and miracles by the Blessed Virgin have been reported, the eight paid \$2,000 to Yugoslav tourist guides to take them to the border, according to Filipino Consul Danilo Ibayan.

Ibayan, in a report to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), identified the eight as: Estelita Aguilar, 37, of Nueva Ecija; Felicidad Almagno, 38, of Laguna; Jesus Bautista, 43, of Nueva Ecija; Rommie Belena, 36, of Laguna; Lilibeth Cruz, 23, of Taguig, Metro Manila; Conrado Demijer, 23, of Laguna; Marisol Landicho, 22, of Batangas; and Potenciano Mandoodoc, 42, of Laguna.

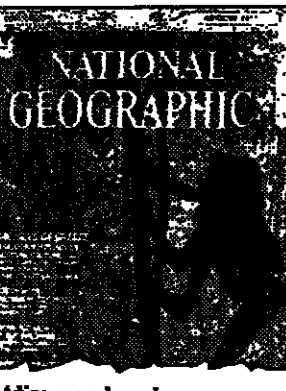
The Filipinos were caught before they could cross the border as some of them acted suspiciously, Ibayan said.

According to a Yugoslav soldier who testified in court, some of them were sitting amid bushes near a house for about 10 minutes before heading for the border.

When questioned further, the Filipinos admitted that their return tickets were being held by a certain Julie Michael Zinn, a Filipina married to a West German.

In his report, Ibayan said he suspects that a syndicate is behind this attempt.

Ibayan called for an immediate investigation of the case.



The 'discovery' made the front page of National Geographic magazine

millionaire playboy heir to an ancient Philippines dynasty going back to the Spanish conquest. The family's business interests were basic — mining, timber, guns and gold. His American-born mother sent him to Harvard. He was 34 when he made his 'discovery' of the Tasaday.

As a member of the ruling clique in the utterly corrupt society of the Philippines, he regularly attended parties on the Presidential yacht, Imelda Marcos, from a poor family herself, thought he had Class, and persuaded the President to appoint Manda — his father's pet name for him — as Presidential Assistant for Tribal Minorities.

With that respectable cover, he set about casting his spell of money and power over the native people of two absolutely ordinary local tribes.

The mountain that was home to his 'Stone Age' tribe was sealed off by his own private army, and visits were stage-managed and controlled with all the cunning and imagination of a supreme confidence trickster.

It was local missionaries who tipped off a Swiss journalist that neolithic man was not alive

and kicking after all.

When Philip Tibenham went back to a missionary he was told a strange tale of the goings-on in bungalows behind the wrought iron gates of Elizalde's sumptuous White Plains mansion in Manila.

Young girls were often removed from their families to be 'educated' there, but the missionary claimed that Elizalde had them examined by a doctor on his boat to check if they were virgins before whisking them off to his heavily guarded mansion. Their 'educational' scholarships had such non-curricular activities as being offered to influential businessmen.

But the bubble burst for Elizalde when the Marcos regime collapsed. He fled the country with \$55 million.

Today his whereabouts are uncertain.

Hoax

John Edwards, producer of *Scandal*, is convinced that fame was Elizalde's prime motive in perpetrating the hoax that once again made a monkey of the anthropologists.

"He was portrayed as a saviour to his people by the film crews."

"People were easy enough to fool. The National Geographic had given him their seal of approval. NBC paid a million pesos to the great saviour to film there."

"The essence of a good con-man is having an audience that wants to believe. A part of me wanted to believe it wasn't a hoax. The people were utter pawns, the real victims. The anthropologists wanted to believe in them and it just escalated."

Philip Tibenham recalls: "I still can't explain the hold Elizalde had over those people. He didn't look like a saviour to me. He looked sleazy. The media man who first reported the discovery of these people to the world was an American journalist who had just come out of the war in Vietnam. No wonder he wanted to believe in this idyllic tribe."

They agree that the tribesmen they found had been deeply hurt by the deception. They did, indeed, know words for war and enemy.

As the camera pans from face to face of the remnants of that lost tribe the sad disillusionment is in their eyes.

"We did as we were told," says one. "He promised to help us. Just look around. We got nothing."

Courtesy: Daily Mail

AIDS: pet owners panic

By Suzanne Lowry

A SENSATIONAL magazine article about cats and AIDS has led to panic among pet owners in France and brought protests from Brigitte Bardot and animal protection societies.

Since the publication of the article, SPA, the Society for the Protection of Animals, has noticed an alarming increase in the number of cats abandoned in the streets, on motorways and on rubbish tips. France's 70 animal refuges are reporting an influx of cats. One, at Gennevilliers, just outside Paris, took in 40 in a day.

The article appeared in last week's issue of the mass circulation magazine VSD which had a cover with a picture of a cat's face over the caption: "AIDS — cats too. Thirty per cent in France are already infected."

Inside there were photographs of cats on surgical drips and injected with vaccine. A double-page spread showed only a pair of green cat's eyes in black fur with the headline: "Our cats sick with AIDS."

Posters advertising the magazine seem to have done most to alarm cat-owners.

"People saw the poster and took fright. They didn't even read the article, but just put their animals out," the SPA said yesterday. The numbers dumped by their owners could not be accounted for by the seasonal increase caused by holidays, a spokesman added.

The SPA, the Brigitte Bardot Foundation and the CNPA (National Council for the Protection of Animals) jointly brought a legal complaint against VSD, but it was not upheld.

Space

The three groups also asked for equal space in VSD to reply to the first article, which, in the text, made clear that so-called feline AIDS could not infect humans. The request was ignored, so Mlle Bardot, an ardent campaigner for animal welfare, took her talents to another publication.

Yesterday the news magazine Jours de France appeared with a picture of her cuddling a tabby on the cover, with the declaration: "Cats do not have AIDS."

Inside there were more pictures of Mlle Bardot and feline friends.

"I think it is appalling that things are going, little by little, back to the Middle Ages," she is quoted as saying from her retreat in Normandy.

"Then cats were persecuted for religious reasons [they were accused of witchcraft]. We must have it on our conscience that nowadays they are more and more persecuted and decimated, by wickedness, by stupidity, for profit, for personal convenience."

"This absurd rumour has given carte blanche to those who hunt them down."

With dark hints about opportunities for the cheap fur trade and vivisectionists, Mlle Bardot added that she and the other organisations would appeal against the legal ruling if public anxiety had not quietened by September and if cats are continuing to pay with their lives for this stupid rumour.

In France a healthy stray or abandoned cat is kept for eight days before being put down. What is usually referred to as feline AIDS is a form of leukaemia.

Man vs tiger: the battle continues

By Duff Hart-Davis

PROJECT TIGER — launched by India with great fanfare in 1973 to save the species from extinction — has succeeded in reversing the decline of the greatest predator on earth.

Sixteen reserves have been declared, and the population is said to have risen from 1,800 to more than 4,000.

But has the rescue operation been too successful? A serious outbreak of man-eating in the north suggests that there are now too many tigers for the space available.

Yet official figures are vigorously disputed by the leading Indian naturalist, Arjun Singh.

A stocky powerful bachelor of 71, Billy Arjun Singh lives in Uttar Pradesh, just outside the Dudhwa National Park, which was formally inaugurated in 1977, largely through his own passionate advocacy.

It was he who suggested in 1972 that the tiger should become India's national animal, and he has played a leading role in the crusade, though preferring to remain independent, a free-lance wildlife warden.

Widely read, and full of self-deprecating jokes, he is deceptively gentle in conversation; but when it comes to protecting tigers, he is ferociously personified. He maintains that Project Tiger has gone far less well than officials claim and is heading for disaster.

View

He concedes that in its first few years, the number of tigers in India recovered substantially, but believes that "euphoria then left fact behind."

"A park with 60 tigers one year would have 64 the next, then 69 and so on," he says. "An increase became a status symbol." Thus the official total for the 190 square miles of forest at Dudhwa leapt from 51 in 1979 to 85 last year — whereas the true total, Singh believes, is under half that.

Since 1973 when the tiger conservation policy was launched by India, the population is said to have risen from 1,800 to more than 4,000. But has the policy been too successful? A serious outbreak of man-eating tigers in the North suggest that there are now too many tigers for comfort. Arjun Singh, a leading Indian naturalist, disputes the figures.



Arjun Singh: his dedication and honesty have made him highly unpopular with officials

Still worse, in his view, is the fact that villagers round the fringes of the park are striking back against the tigers, which take their cattle and, with increasing frequency, kill humans.

At first these locals were inhibited by the harsh penalties announced in the Wildlife Act. Now (says Singh) they have realised that the Forest Department rarely implements the laws and connives at the predators' destruction.

"The result is that tigers are being slaughtered by every possible means — shot, poisoned, electrocuted and blown up by home-made bombs when they

return to a kill."

It is hardly surprising that villagers retaliate, for in Singh's district of North Kheri alone 200 people have been killed in the past 10 years, and there is no doubt that the man-eating will continue. The reasons are complex but clear.

Foremost is the inexorable build-up of India's human population. Increasing at 3 per cent a year, the total has now passed 800 million.

At Dudhwa, as elsewhere, people settle on the fringes of the forest, drawn by the search for farmland and by the fact that anyone living within three miles of the park boundary has

a traditional right to cut forage, firewood and thatching materials in the forest. At independence in 1947, there were 21 tribal villages within three miles of the southern boundary. Now there are 84.

Worse

Matters are made worse by the government's policy of encouraging farmers to grow sugarcane: the tall, cool stands of cane have created an extra habitat for tigers outside the park. At the same time, poachers have drastically reduced the deer and wild pig on which the tigers prey.

All this has thrown men and tigers into involuntarily confrontation — and it is sudden meetings in and around the sugarcane, or on the edges of the forest that have led to most of the deaths. As Singh says: "The combination of less prey, more people and shared living space is a recipe for disaster."

He blames the present debacle squarely on the incompetence and idleness of wildlife officials, many of whom, he claims, have no interest in conservation and regard a posting to wildlife — rather than to the commercial side of the Forest Department, in which lucrative fiddles can be engineered — as a penal sentence.

Dedication

For the immediate future, he is calling for the creation of buffer zones round the park, in which only low crops like wheat or barley may be grown, so that tigers will not lie up in them; and he believes that in the long term the only way of obtaining proper wildlife management is to split the Forest Department, whose structure survives from the days of the Raj, into two, establishing a separate conservation branch. In this way, he believes, men and tigers could be kept apart, and co-exist without friction.

Meanwhile his dedication and honesty have made him highly unpopular, not only with officials, but also with local people — especially since, last year, he went to court and took out a stay order to stop the



The Indian tiger: being saved from extinction

excessive extraction of firewood from the park.

Official hostility came to a head last Christmas, when the Park Director arrived unannounced at his home, leading a small army, whose support force included three elephants, to smash the observation platform from which he has watched tigers for 25 years.

Next day another party came to demolish the bridge over the river connecting his land with the park's. In despair, he sought the help of Rajiv Gandhi (whose mother had given him and Project Tiger strong support). He subsequently removed the Park Director.

Singh prowls the jungle behind his home armed with

nothing but a stick. He is perfectly prepared to shoot a proven man-eater — and indeed has killed several.

Most tigers, however, he counts as his friends; and he fights for them tenaciously because he believes that, without enthusiasts such as himself, they will go under, smothered by sheer weight of people.

Ivory price rise sounds death knell for African elephants

The killing fields of Africa

By Robert Powell

NAIROBI, (Reuters): The soaring price of ivory could be sounding the death knell for the African elephant.

More sharply than the alarm calls of environmentalists, more visibly than the despair of game warden losing the bush war against poachers, the price

of raw ivory on the part-legitimate, part-illegal market signals the plight of the largest creature on land.

In 1971, an average five kg (11 pound) elephant tusk would have sold for less than \$50.

Today it is worth \$1,000, as much as a senior Tanzanian game warden earns in one year, several times the annual income

of a peasant farmer.

This spectacular price leap does not represent a current shortage. There has been no significant increase in world demand and the price of carved ivory has not risen anything like as steeply.

More and better-armed poachers, spurred on by the higher prices and using chain saws to back the tusks free, have been slaughtering the herds faster than ever before — killing about half of Africa's elephants in a decade and actually increasing the supply of ivory in world markets.

Ian Parker, a Kenya-based elephant expert who has worked as a consultant for both ivory dealers and conservation groups, estimates that about 1,400 tonnes of ivory have been shipped out of Africa in the last two years — representing perhaps 150,000 dead elephants.

The price rise, Parker thinks, means that the elephant's rapid decline is prompting people in Africa and the Far East to speculate in ivory as a vanishing commodity.

Conservationist estimate that 800,000 to a million elephants have been slaughtered

for their tusks over the past 10 years, particularly in Eastern and Central Africa.

Africa's remaining elephant population is estimated at anything from 700,000 to over one million. Most of the surviving animals are concentrated in the dense equatorial forests of Zaïre, Congo and Gabon.

The decline however has not affected South Africa and Zimbabwe, where elephants are confined to well-guarded national parks and reserve areas.

The governments of these countries cull their elephant populations to keep them in check and profits from the sale of tusks and skins are ploughed back into conservation activities.

Conservationists recognise that elephants and other large game animals are fighting a losing battle for living space against Africa's human population which doubles in size every 18 years.

But they attribute the upsurge in poaching of the last 20 years to other factors, particularly the rapid increase in the price of ivory a time of economic crisis throughout Africa.

David Weston, another Kenya-based elephant expert, says rebellions and civil wars have also encouraged poaching.

Poachers who 10 or 15 years ago hunted elephants with bows and arrows are now mowing them down with automatic weapons.

Roberto Zolho, the head of Mozambique's wildlife department, said poaching by rebels of the Mozambique national resistance had reduced the country's elephant population to less than 17,000 from nearly



A poacher takes aim at an elephant, having already killed several around him.

55,000 a decade ago.

Zolho said most of the 60 tonnes of ivory which Mozambique sold last year was captured from the rebels.

But ivory traders in East Africa said at least 10 tonnes of the ivory shipped out of Mozambique last year was smuggled there from Burundi and legitimised by corrupt government officials as Mozambique ivory.

Burundi — which has no elephants of its own — was until recently the main marketing centre in Africa for poached and stolen ivory.

Ban

When President Pierre Buyoya slapped a ban on ivory trading in November last year there were 20,400 tusks in the country awaiting shipment.

The Burundian government is still deciding what to do with this 110-tonne stock of ivory which, according to local traders, was recently moved to a military camp for safekeeping.

The Convention on Inter-

national Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna (CITES) is supposed to monitor the world's legitimate ivory trade and make sure that poached tusks are not bought by consumer countries.

But conservationists say the Swiss-based organisation has a staff of only 14 and is largely ineffective.

Several environmental groups in Europe and the United States are calling for a total ban on the world ivory trade to try and preserve Africa's remaining elephants.

But many Africa-based experts, such as Parker and Weston, say a blanket ban would be ineffective and would only drive the ivory trade completely underground.

Weston points out that an existing world ban on trade in rhino horn has singularly failed to protect the species.

He argues that the ivory trade should be controlled and regulated by African governments in such a way that it becomes an important source of government revenue and

makes the elephant worth preserving.

Above all, Weston wants the marketing of ivory to be done openly through auctions so that corrupt officials will find it more difficult to sell poached tusks on the side.

"The potential value of the ivory trade to Africa is 120 to 150 million dollars a year. The whole of Africa's ivory, if used sensibly, could be used to fund the whole of the continent's conservation activities," he said.

Parker also says the ivory trade should remain legal and that it should be made more transparent and easy to regulate. But he believes the only future for elephants is within well protected national parks where sufficient money can be spent to protect them from poaching.

"The key to conserving elephants is adequate finance for Africa's national parks. The present widely reported failures stem primarily from chronic underfunding," he says in a paper to be published shortly.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr Allan Bruckheim

COMPETITIVE STRESS CAN LEAD TO YOUTH SPORTS BURNOUT

QUESTION: My husband says there's no such thing and that our son is just lazy. The coach has another term for it. What is "youth sports burnout"?

ANSWER: Although for most children involvement in sports provides an opportunity to have fun and learn new skills, for some youngsters the sports environment can have a negative effect causing low self-esteem, depression and anxiety.

It is important to recognize early signs of competitive stress that can lead to "burnout" — loss of energy and enthusiasm for sports. The child no longer has fun, becomes overwhelmed by the demands and seeks to escape the situation.

Symptoms include signs of agitation such as sleep disturbances, skin rashes, nausea headaches and muscle rigidity. Signs of depression are lack of energy, sadness, frequent illness, and a loss of interest in training and competing. These conditions make the child more susceptible to injury because injury provides a socially acceptable way to escape the pressure.

Burnout often comes from excessive pressure exerted by adults to push the youth to win or excel. The parents or coaches are

likely to criticize the child's performance rather than be supportive. They may give inconsistent messages, such as saying that winning isn't everything and then expressing anger when the child loses. Adults who are always hovering and overprotecting may cause the child to panic in competition.

The best way to handle youth sports burnout is to prevent it. Adults need to de-emphasize winning, and instead encourage development of skills. Find ways to encourage improvement and effort. Try to match the child's ability with the sports environment — being on the "top" team may be a mistake for a child who is not as skilled as the other children.

Be careful to have realistic expectations and goals for the child. Create opportunities for children to feel successful, such as lowering the rims in basketball or setting up small playing fields in soccer.

Fun-oriented competition can begin at any age, but as a general rule, a child is not ready for intense competition and training until about age 14. Let the child play a variety of sports to maintain interest and develop skills.

Back off. Dad, and give the kid a chance. Listen to the coach. If you and your child maintain a healthy attitude and reasonable perspective, sports can help strengthen and preserve the family, promote individual growth and provide a lot of fun.

ACROSS MY DESK: Actually, I read this bit of information sometime ago in the Journal of the American Medical Association, but I was saving it for the proper time, which is now.

With hot weather covering a good part of our country, the advice offered by Dr Richard Seymour of Visalia, Calif., is both timely and of great importance. Seymour noted that temperatures in the glove compartment of your car can be as much as 50 degrees higher than the outside air and may reach levels in excess of 150 degrees.

Just think what that does to medicines you have stored in the compartment! The chemical compounds can break down, losing their potency and beneficial effect. If you must keep medicines in your car, Seymour suggests that you place them in insulated containers, shielded from direct sunlight.

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By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Subroto and Sheikh Ali discuss ways to protect oil prices

OPEC urged to stick to output quotas

OPEC Secretary-General Dr. Subroto met yesterday with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa for the two and half hour meeting. Subroto told KUNA that he discussed ways of protecting oil prices from factors in the international market. The current oil price is \$18 per barrel. Subroto also urged OPEC members to continue to adhere to production quotas.

An official oil source told KUNA that Subroto listened to Sheikh Ali's view on the need to produce oil to meet the needs of the world. Subroto said he believed it was reasonable that both Iran and Iraq should have the same 2.3 million barrels a day (BPD) oil output quota.

"I believe in the current circumstances, it is reasonable and acceptable that both Iraq and Iran be given the same production quota of 2.3 million BPD," Subroto said.

Subroto did not rule out the possibility of increasing the quota for Tehran and Baghdad above 2.3 million BPD later.

Two years ago Iraq, which

currently produces around 2.7 million BPD, refused to join the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) quota system, demanding the same 2.3 million BPD quota as Iran.

Subroto described his visits to Baghdad and Tehran as "an

exploration trip to know the stances of the two countries toward putting their quotas at a specific level," KUNA quoted the OPEC secretary-general as saying.

Subroto admitted that some OPEC members had violated the organisation's production ceiling of 15.06 million BPD but declined either to specify the amount or to name the countries involved, the agency said.

He said he had received no official information that Iran rejected the idea of having quota parity with its Gulf war foe Iraq.

The Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) quoted Iran's deputy Oil Minister Hossein Khazempour Ardebili as saying there can be no parity between Iranian and Iraqi output "and we insist that Iraq be brought into the OPEC quota."

Meanwhile, in Ankara, Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azqadeh said today that OPEC would resolve many of their problems at a meeting in December.

"Following the (Iran-Iraq) ceasefire, I believe the members will set aside political disputes and come to an agreement," Anatolian news agency quoted him as saying at the end of a four-day visit to Turkey.

"In the coming days the secretary-general of OPEC will come to Iran and I believe many of the problems will be solved at the December OPEC meeting," Azqadeh said.

"I am very optimistic for the next OPEC meeting. Iran has certain obligations towards OPEC and we carry the responsibility of fulfilling them."

Turkey's State Minister for Oil Kazim Oksay told reporters that Turkey would buy six million tons of Iranian oil in 1989 at spot market prices.

"The purchases will be made at whatever the current price is on the world markets. No country will buy oil at the present official OPEC rate of \$18... when prices on the spot market now are at \$14," he said.

Neither side had previously made public their agreed prices. Azqadeh and Oksay signed a series of protocols covering the 1989 oil purchases and projects for co-operation in oil, natural gas, energy and petrochemicals.

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Subroto

Stock volume choked by rate worries

NEW YORK, Aug. 27, (AP)—After the October crash, did anyone seriously expect Wall Street to do some frantic celebrating on the first anniversary of the market's August 1987 crash?

They did not. Investors feared the occasion by giving the market the cold shoulder.

Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange tumbled in the past week to its lowest level for any week in about 20 months.

Traders and analysts who gathered around during the week to ponder the telephone blamed the downturn on a combination of summer doldrums, persistent worries about inflation and the economy, and uncertainty about whether the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates higher.

Investors got a reminder about program trading this past week when the NYSE issued its first monthly measurement of the volume involved in the technique, saying it accounted for 10.1 per cent of shares traded in July.

"You have an extremely high level of fear and apathy on the

part of investors generally," said Dean A. Gulis, director of research for the brokerage firm Roney and Co. in Detroit. "The volume numbers are telling you more than anything you need to look at."

Jack Garry, manager of institutional trading at Butcher and Singer Inc. in Philadelphia, said, "No one is really ready to make a commitment to stocks."

"We have some people nibbling at prices, sometimes adding to existing positions, but there is just no real reason people can find over the past few weeks to jump in and become buyers," he said.

That type of environment is especially troublesome in the late summer when many traders and their clients are trying to take a break from normal routines.

In past years, traders often stayed on the job when the market was busy. But Garry said this year's inactivity means "nobody is cancelling their vacation plans. Not many people have reasons to stick around."

The reduced interest in trading stocks ironically occurred on the first anniversary of one of Wall Street's headiest days. The Dow Jones industrial average reached its all-time peak of 2,722.42 on Aug. 25, 1987.

This past week, the Dow Jones swung widely before finishing at 2,017.43, up 1.43 from its close a week ago.

For the week, the NYSE composite index slipped 0.30 to 147.24; the American Stock Exchange market-value index lost 1.16 to 293.87 and the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market fell 2.99 to 374.43.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 117.29 million shares a day, against 144.61 million shares the week before.

That was the lowest for any week since volume averaged 114.25 million shares a day the week ended Jan. 2, 1987, which included the New Year holiday.

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loans subject to strict, agreed conditions.

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"Until April 1987 almost all the South African diamonds coming to Switzerland came via London. We don't know why some are now coming direct from South Africa," said Omar Wissa, head of the federal office for

foreign trade's North America and South Africa section.

"But I could imagine that Switzerland is attractive because it is centrally-located, has good transport links, taxes are low, and people are discreet," he added.

Wissa explained that Swiss government policy was to ensure Swiss territory was not used for circumventing other countries' sanctions, but so far no country had imposed sanctions on diamond imports from South Africa.

Target

He dismissed suggestions that South Africa may have moved shipments from London because of fears that Britain might restrict diamond imports from the country.

"Such restrictions would not make much sense because diamonds have very little weight and high value and can be smuggled. They would be the easiest way to get round sanctions," he said.

The Commonwealth Secretariat spokesman shared his view, saying, "Diamonds are a very far-off target for sanctions."

Lankans seek fresh oil market

An eight-member Sri Lankan delegation will arrive today in Kuwait for a four-day visit.

The delegation, led by the director of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, hopes to expand the market for fresh fruit and vegetables, particularly such items as pineapple, banana and mango.

The delegation is on a four-day tour which will take them to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Dubai. Kuwait is the first stop on their tour.

The delegates include M.A.U. Zoya, M.S.K. Peiris Wijesinghe, R.G. Panabokke, D.J.V. de Silva, D.A. Sideek, Mrs. D. D. de Silva, N.D. Austin and A. De Silva. They can be contacted through the Sri Lanka Embassy's commercial attaché in Kuwait.

Libya will contribute 70 per cent of the capital and Tunisia the rest, it said.

The decision was taken at a meeting in Tunis yesterday between Tunisian Finance Minister Huri Zergati and Mohamed Elhajj, the chairman of the Libyan Arab Foreign Investments Company, it added.

The agency said Libya and Tunisia had already set up a joint international trading company.

Cocoa prices

LONDON, Aug. 27, (Reuters)—Cocoa prices in London plunged to seven-year lows today in heavy business, traders said.

Cocoa for delivery in December was quoted at \$29.51 (\$1,400) a tonne compared with Thursday's close of \$35.53 (\$1,440). In January, prices were just below \$20 (\$1,025).

Market rumours that Ivory Coast, the world's biggest producer, may have released more of its current crop because of not being completely damaged, traders said.

IMF opens new loan window for debtor governments

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27, (AP)—A new way for debtor governments to get more loans was announced yesterday by the International Monetary Fund: it will lend them more money if they are hit unexpectedly by higher interest on their old debts.

The World Bank, the fund's sister organisation, estimates that Third World debt will reach more than \$1.2 trillion at the end of this year. Much of that was lent at interest rates that vary every day. So when rates go up, as they have been doing lately, the outflow of money from the borrower country grows heavier.

If a country has borrowed \$50 billion at a variable rate, it has to pay out an extra \$500 million a year whenever the annual rate goes up by one percentage point.

Outflows

US presidential candidate Michael Dukakis has put part of the blame for the record-breaking US trade deficits on outflows from debtor countries. He points out that Third World countries have cut down their buying in the

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Khorafi to take part in OIC economic co-operation meeting

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi leaves for Turkey next week to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Co-operation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

He will be joined by Kuwait's Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan who will represent Kuwait at the first meeting of the Ministers of Communications of the OIC member states to be held in Istanbul on Sept 6 and 7.

System

This is the first time that co-operation in communications has been included into the OIC plan of action which has so far covered trade, industry, agriculture and transport.

The economic and commercial co-operation committee is expected to focus its discussions on the agreement on trade preferential system among OIC member states. The participants are expected to pass a draft declaration of intent on the establishment of a trade preferential system while the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade will submit a report on the draft framework for the agreement.

Also on the agenda are reports on regional export credit guarantee scheme and on a feasibility study on trade information network. Experts on standardisation will present a report on plans to unify trade and industry standards among the OIC members. Plans will also be laid out for setting up a multilateral Islamic clearing union.

The gathering will be addressed by Turkish President Kenan Evren who is also the chairman of the OIC Committee for Economic and Commercial Co-operation.

Turkey, Iran to set up joint power plants

ANKARA, Turkey, Aug. 27, (AP)—Turkey and Iran today agreed to start feasibility studies on the proposed construction of two joint power plants and pipelines of crude oil and natural gas.

The protocol was signed here by the Turkish State Minister Kazim Oksay and the Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azqadeh.

The two neighbouring countries agreed to start the feasibility studies for the construction of a pipeline to bring Iranian natural gas to Turkey, according to the agreement.

In the framework of this project, Iran and Turkey agreed to build jointly two power plants which will operate with Iranian natural gas.

The electricity generated from one of the plants, which is planned to be built in eastern Turkey, will be used jointly by Iran and Turkey and two countries plan to sell energy to Pakistan from the plant in the future, according to the agreement.

The electricity generated from the second plant, which is planned to be constructed in the Mediterranean coastal province of Iskenderun, will be used in other joint projects, such as factories of fertilisers and other chemicals, the agreement said. It did not say when these factories would be built.

The agreement said the two countries would form a committee of engineers in one month to start feasibility studies for another pipeline to bring Iranian crude oil to a Mediterranean terminal in Turkey.

The agreement said if the studies proved that the pipeline project was unlikely to be economically feasible, the two countries would give up plans to build the crude oil pipeline.

Premier Turgut Ozal signed a protocol agreement on the planned 1,860 kilometres (1,116 miles) pipeline with Iranian Premier Mir Hussein Musavi when he visited Tehran in March.

But the project was later shelved, when the sides could not agree on the financing of the estimated \$4 billion construction of the project.

World Business Summary

Arab central bank governors open talks

DAMASCUS, Aug. 27, (KUNA)—The 13th ordinary session of Governors of Arab Central Banks and Monetary Agencies' Council started deliberations here today. The governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz told KUNA that the two-day meeting will focus on the 1988 unified Arab economic report on Arab economic developments, the Arab Fund prepared by the Arab League General Secretariat, the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). The council will also discuss the proposed unified Arab speech which will be delivered in the joint meetings of the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Reconstruction in West Berlin next month. The conferees will also review Arab financial policies and developments and the proposal to increase the capital of the International Bank. The role of AMF in financing inter-Arab trade and accepting deposits with Arab central banks and monetary organisations, will be discussed along with AMF's plan to develop Arab financial markets, he said.

Libyan petrochemical firm confident of its products

BREGA, Libya, Aug. 27, (OPEC/NAB)—The Brega-based Libyan National Petroleum Company (NAPETCO) is confident that its products, which include methanol, ammonia and urea, can maintain its competitiveness in overseas markets as its gas feedstock is obtained at cheaper prices. NAPETCO general production manager Othman Hownan said here on Thursday that the bulk of the products was exported to Europe and the Far East. NAPETCO, a subsidiary of the Libyan National Oil Company (NOC), is currently producing 2,000 tonnes of ammonia, a similar amount of methanol, and 1,750 tonnes of urea per day. The plant, built at a cost of around \$1 billion, began production in 1980, he said.

Marketing of the products, however, was handled by the Brega Marketing Company, the sales arm of NOC, he added. According to Hownan, no expansion plans were currently on hand as production levels were kept in line with market demand. When demand increases, we may vary our output accordingly, he said.

The methanol unit of NAPETCO has set an output target of 300,000 tonnes this year of which 225,000 tonnes have already been produced. The target for this year is slightly under the 368,427 tonnes produced in 1987 and the output of 337,116 tonnes in 1986. The production of urea and ammonia is set at around 300,000 tonnes respectively for this year. The management of the plant, which employs about 2,000 workers, is now entirely in the hands of Libyan nationals.

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Jordan hopes to benefit from Iraqi reconstruction boom

AMMAN, Aug. 27, (Reuters)—Jordan has high hopes that an end to the Iran-Iraq war will revive its recession-hit economy. Trade and

Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trading volume surges

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies last Wednesday averaged 44.44 points, a decrease of 0.68 points against the previous average. Alshall economic consultants reported yesterday. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.64 points, down 0.09 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 54.30 million a daily average of 10.86 million shares, up 15 per cent from the previous week.

Gulf-traded shares reached 26.08 million with a daily average of 5.22 million shares, 23 per cent increase from last week's 4.24 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 13.388 million with daily average of KD 2.678 million, a decrease of 33 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 3.985 million (in four days of trading).

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD 1.621 million, with a daily average of KD 0.324 million, a decrease of 15 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.380 million.

The market maintained its weak performance during the week, which was reflected on share values.

However, this was more apparent on traded volumes due to a relative change in favour of low-priced company shares in both markets.

The real estate sector was most active with 37.2 per cent of total trading.

However, 94 per cent of the sector's total was for Kuwait Projects Company, which ought to be listed among the investment companies since the nature of its business activities have changed. This means that the actual lead was in the investment sector.

United Realty had 4 per cent of trading, followed by Kuwait Real Estate, at 3 per cent.

The banking sector came second at 36.8 per cent, a substantial decrease compared to last week's 59 per cent. The Commercial Bank ranked first in banking sector trading at 27 per cent, followed by the Gulf Bank at 18 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 16 per cent.

The services sector was third most active at 19 per cent, of all trading.

Kuwait Commercial Markets had 53 per cent of services sector trading followed by Overland Transport Company at 28 per cent and Mobile Telephone Systems at 10 per cent.

In the Gulf shares market the financial sector had the lead at 91 per cent of total traded volume.

Bahrain and Middle East Bank ranked first at 44 per cent of both sectors total.

Financial and other companies followed by Coast Investment and Development Company at 27 per cent and Bahrain International Bank at 18 per cent, Alshall said.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 24/08/88	Wednesday 17/08/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	113.63	113.63	—
The Gulf Bank	37.29	38.12	-0.83
The Commercial Bank	29.18	30.05	-0.87
Al Ahli Bank	38.93	39.89	-0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	35.96	35.96	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	33.33	34.13	-0.79
Burgan Bank	32.70	34.19	-1.49
Kuwait Finance House	80.12	83.15	-3.02

Sector Index

Investment Sector	51.19	51.97	-0.78
Kuwait Investment Co.	32.32	33.79	-1.47
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	29.90	30.58	-0.69
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	87.30	90.48	-3.17
IFA	75.00	75.00	—

Commercial Facilities	125.00	122.50	2.50
Insurance Sector	43.03	43.87	-0.84
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	40.23	-0.54
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	51.28	53.05	-1.77
Warba Insurance Co.	78.18	78.18	—

Real Estate Sector	40.70	41.27	-0.57
Kuwait Real Estate	31.61	31.86	-0.25
United Realty	12.73	12.96	-0.22
National Real Estate	42.60	43.00	-0.40
Sector Index	22.62	22.88	-0.26

Industrial Sector	17.38	17.38	—
Kuwait Cement Co.	91.14	90.04	1.10
Refrigeration Indust.	111.07	112.10	-1.03
Gulf Cables	94.22	99.56	-5.33
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	36.22	36.51	-0.30

Services Sector	196.56	200.88	-4.32
Kuwait Computer Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	88.89	90.91	-2.02
Public Warehousing Co.	37.95	39.95	-2.00
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	366.67	380.95	-14.29
Mobile Telephone Syst.	68.50	70.65	-2.16

Food Sector	47.19	47.60	-0.41
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	10.91	10.91	—
United Fisheries	82.87	82.87	—
Kuwait United Poultry	74.71	74.71	—
Kuwait Food Co.	43.30	43.45	-0.15
Sector Index	44.44	45.11	-0.68

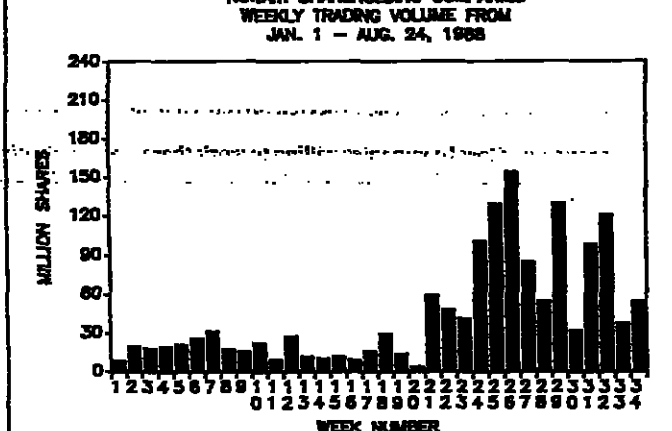
Overall Index	44.44	45.11	-0.68
Gulf shareholding companies index			
Wednesday 24/08/88	Wednesday 17/08/88	Change points	

Financial Companies	163.16	163.16	—
First Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
United Gulf Bank	95.17	96.55	-1.38
Bahrain Internat. Bank	94.92	95.42	-0.49
Bahrain M. East Bank	61.03	61.03	—
Gulf Investments Co.	104.76	108.57	-3.81
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	61.85	61.85	—
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	54.55	54.55	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	65.58	65.58	-0.07

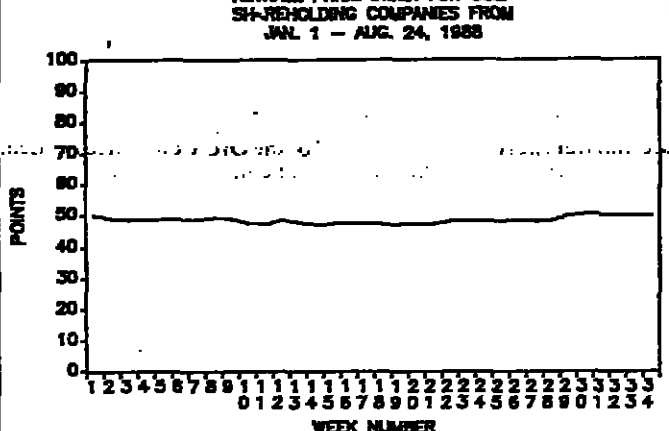
Other Companies	13.68	13.68	—
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	10.50	10.50	—
Sharjah Cement	11.18	11.18	—
Fujairah Cement	25.00	26.67	-1.67
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	29.80	29.80	—
Gulf Medical Projects	16.21	16.84	-0.63
Sector Index	48.64	49.73	-0.09

Overall Index	48.64	49.73	-0.09
Base Period 31/12/1983.			

Kuwait shareholding companies



Alshall price index for Gulf



American Express down

Interest rate worries depress market activity

NEW YORK, Aug. 27, (UPI)—The stock market this week staggered to a mixed performance as concerns over higher interest rates remained the key barrier to increased participation. Volume, in fact, was the lightest on a weekly basis this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 6.58 on Friday, closed the week at 2017.43. For the week, the blue-chip index tacked on 1.43 points.

The week began on a down note with the Dow falling almost 26 points on Monday, dragging the index to its first close below 2000 since late May.

Resumes

Traders described the activity as "sloppy" and "dull". In economic news on Tuesday, the government said consumer prices rose 0.4 per cent in July. In addition, new orders for durable goods fell 7 per cent last month. Both reports were in line with expectations. The Dow slipped 0.89.

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KD deposit rates mostly steady in quiet market

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposit rates were steady yesterday in a liquid market that saw little trade.

A flood of salary payments over the last week has kept short-term deposits at very low levels. Dealers also said the dollar's fall against other currencies had prompted banks to sell it for dinars, adding more short-term funds to the market.

Overnight, tomorrow-next and spot-next were offered yesterday at one per cent, but there were no bids.

Dealers said the Central Bank continued to offer two and three-week deposits at 5-1/2 per cent, apparently in an attempt to keep fixed-rate maturities from falling below six per cent.

One-month, quoted at 6-1/4, six, was unchanged from Thursday, the last trading day in the Gulf. But three months and six months, both also quoted at 6-1/4, six, eased from 6-3/8, 1/8 and 6-7/16, 3/16, respectively.

The Central Bank announced a new offering of Treasury bills to be issued on Wednesday, but dealers said that because it rolled over a previous issue it was unlikely to affect rates.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar-to-dollar exchange rate to 0.2846/75 from Thursday's 0.2851/22.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposits were steady in quiet trade yesterday, with trade dampened during astring of holidays.

The important offshore centre, of London will be closed on Monday due to a bank holiday, and another centre, Bahrain, was closed last Monday and Tuesday for the Muslim Ashura holiday.

Dealers said rates were mostly little changed from Thursday, the last trading day in the Gulf.

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BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.120	1.120	1.110	1.110	25000	2
GULF BANK	0.450	0.450	0.445	0.445	770000	33
COMMERCIAL BK	0.340	0.335	0.340	0.335	1150000	49
AHLI BANK	0.410	0.405	0.410	0.405	960000	18
B.K.M.E.	0.410	0.405	0.410	0.405	960000	18
K.R.E.B.	0.420	0.415	0.420	0.415	960000	18
BURGAN BANK	0.335	0.330	0.335	0.330	1100000	56
K.F. HOUSE	0.540	0.530	0.540	0.530	935000	31

INVESTMENT SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KWT INV. CO.	0.178	0.176	0.176	0.176	20000	1
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	20000	1
K.T.I.C.	0.174	0.174	0.174	0.174	20000	1
COM.FACILITIES	0.490	0.500	0.500	0.500	10000	1
ALILAH INV.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10000	1
K.F. A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	280000	8
INV. PEARL KWT	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	700000	15

INSURANCE SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KWT INSURANCE	0.730	0.730	0.730	0.730	10000	1
GULF INSURANCE	0.375	0.370	0.370	0.370	10000	1
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.600	0.580	0.580	0.580	8924	1
WARBA INS. CO.	0.455	0.455	0.455	0.455	8924	1

REAL EST SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.250	0.248	0.255	0.248	150000	4
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	0.114	0.116	0.114	40000	2
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.214	0.214	0.214	0.214	60000	3
SALAH R.E.	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.080	60000	3
KWT PROJECTS	0.094	0.095	0.095	0.095	680000	78
KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	680000	78

-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.218	0.212	0.212	0.212	20000	1
-K.CON.MARINE	0.350	----	----	----	-----	----
-K.SH.REP.CO.	0.048	----	----	----	-----	----
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.089	360000	7
-N.W.C. CO.	0.190	----	----	----	-----	----
-KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	----	----	----	-----	----
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.182	0.176	0.178	0.176	90000	3
-CON.MKT.EMV.	0.090	0.019	0.019	0.019	800000	6

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Tauziat upsets Zvereva

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 27. (Reuters) Nathalie Tauziat came on strong at the end to upset Natalia Zvereva, runner-up to Steffi Graf at the French Open, in the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 Mahwah Classic tennis tournament yesterday.

Tauziat, an unseeded 20-year-old from France, trailed 1-3 in the third set but swept the last five games to beat Zvereva, ranked eighth in the world, 3-6 6-2 3.

The Russian, who owns a pair of victories over world number two Martina Navratilova this year, led 40-0 in the final game before committing five straight errors.

"We were both tired but I recovered faster and became more aggressive," said Tauziat, rated 34th internationally. "She tried to win some points too quickly."

Two other favourites, Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia and Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva, were not severely tested and won straight set matches to reach the semifinals.

Avenged

Sukova wiped out a 2-5 deficit in the first set on her way to a 7-5 6-3 victory over American Stephanie Rehe, while Maleeva avenged her sister Manuela's loss in the second round when she beat Catarina Lindqvist 6-1 6-2.

Maleeva out-rallied Lindqvist, who committed too many errors to apply any pressure.

"I was out to prove to her that she could beat Manuela but it would be three times more difficult to beat her sister," Maleeva said.

Graf, the tournament favourite who will be trying to complete the Grand Slam at the US Open starting next week, carried a 26-match winning streak into her semifinal against Sukova today.

Graf lost her first match against Sukova when she was 15 but has beaten the Czechoslovak seven successive times since with a loss of only two sets.

Okamoto hits 71 to snap tie with Lopez

LAKE LANIER ISLANDS, Ga., Aug. 27. (Reuters) Ayako Okamoto overcame a slow start to shoot a one-under-par 71 and snap her tie with Nancy Lopez after two rounds of the \$265,000 World Championship of Golf yesterday.

Okamoto, the defending champion, finished the round with a four-under-par total of 138. Lopez was even-par 72 for 139, a total she shared with fellow-American Rosie Jones, who had 69.

Tied at 141 were South African Sally Little and American Sherri Turner, with Jan Stephenson of Australia and American Amy Alkaid another stroke away.

Bounced

Okamoto began the day with bogeys at the first and second holes. But the Japanese came back with birdies at the fifth and eighth. After a bogey at the 14th, she bounced back again with birdies at 16 and 17 to take the lead.

"No lead is ever big enough with a field as strong as this one," she said. "Any one of these 16 players is capable of a great score which could take the lead. Golf is a strange game."

McKean holds off Coe in 800 metres

Aouita clinches second overall GP title

WEST BERLIN, Aug. 27. (Reuters) Said Aouita strode to his second men's overall Grand Prix athletics title yesterday when he won the mile with consummate ease at the West Berlin final.

The 27-year-old Moroccan, who was also the overall champion in 1986, toyed with a class field and won going away in three minutes 56.21 seconds.

Romanian Paula Ivan clinched the women's title when she won the 1,500 metres. She tied on points with Jamaica's elegant sprinter Grace Jackson, who won the 200 metres after earlier finishing third in the 400.

Grand Prix officials explained that the pair had tied in the overall standings but Ivan was awarded the title after International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) statisticians ruled she had a superior record throughout the season.

Challenge

Britain's Tom McKean had a morale-boosting victory in the men's 800 metres when he held off a determined challenge from compatriot Sebastian Coe while Liz McColgan made it a great night for Britain when she comprehensively defeated Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen in the women's 5,000.

In the men's mile, Aouita was content to lurk at the back of the field for the first lap as American Jim Spivey took the pace.

At the halfway mark Aouita was sitting comfortably in fourth place and by the last lap the Moroccan was poised to strike.

Spaniard Jose-Luis Gonzalez and Markus Hacksteiner both made abortive victory bids but



Aouita crosses the finish line to win the men's mile and the overall Grand Prix title. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aouita always had matters well in hand, increasing his pace remorselessly in the last 70 metres to win from a tiring Spivey.

"Please don't misunderstand me but I was really not challenged," Aouita said, a statement no spectator would have disputed.

Jackson, running in an all-white strip, again successfully combined the 200 and 400 but said later she would run the 100 and 200 in the Seoul Olympics.

"I am very tired but now I

know all I need for Seoul," she said.

McKean's win could not have come at a better time for the Scot whose temperament has come increasingly under question since he finished eighth and last in the Rome World Championship final last year.

European silver medalist McKean, one of the men who have kept Coe out of the Olympic team, took the lead with 300 metres to run and accelerated away from the field.



McKean (No. 76) goes across the finish line ahead of Coe (No. 81) in the 800 metres. (Reuters wirephoto)

Coe, the European champion and world record holder, fought grimly in the final straight to close the gap but had to concede victory to the better man on the day.

"It was important to win — the time was secondary," McKean commented afterwards.

Coe told a television interviewer he wanted to get two or three good races together.

The Olympic 1,500 metres champion, who seemingly lost his last chance to compete in

Seoul this week when International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch decided not to extend a wild card invitation added: "This door is closed, the Olympics are for others."

McColgan, who handed Kristiansen her first defeat over 10,000 metres at Oslo's Bislett Games last month, gave another fine demonstration of distance running, pulling away steadily with two laps to run.

But McKean was far from

satisfied afterwards. "The beginning was too slow... in Seoul I will hopefully do the 10,000 better than the 5,000 today in Berlin," she said.

The pole vault, which provided a backdrop to the track action throughout a cold and wet evening, produced unexpected drama.

Soviet Rodion Gataulin handed his illustrious compatriot Sergei Bubka a rare defeat — then added insult to injury by attempting to break Bubka's world record.

Gataulin, who took first place with 5.95 metres ahead of Bubka who leaped 5.80, made three attempts at 6.08, two centimetres above the world champion's world mark.

Effort

Gataulin, world championship bronze medalist, fell on the bar on his first attempt and, after a lengthy wait, skidded to a halt on his second effort before starting his vault. A third attempt ended in similar fashion and the Russian left the arena to warm applause.

Ivan climaxed a splendid season with his victory in the 1,500 and must now be one of the gold medal favourites for Seoul. The Romanian clocked 4:00.24 ahead of compatriot Mitica Constantin who finished in 4:04.97.

"It is hard to say what character the Olympic final will have — whether it will be a speed run or a tactical run with a fast 200 metre final kick," Ivan said.

Ivan then said she might attempt Soviet Taliana Kazankina's eight-year-old world record, but not until next year.

SQUASH

Jansher crushes Norman

AUCKLAND, Aug. 27. (Reuters) Top seeds Jansher Khan and Susan Devoy today displayed the style that has made them champions, powering their way into the finals of the New Zealand Squash Open.

Jansher, the 19-year-old world number one from Pakistan (took just 41 minutes to topple former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand, 9-2, 9-0, 9-2 in the semifinals.

The tall Jansher was simply too quick about the court for Norman, soaking up pressure seemingly with ease and the New Zealander could not find any weaknesses in his game.

Jansher's opponent in tomorrow's final will be second seed and world number three Chris Dittmar of Australia, who was too good for the young Briton Del Harris. Harris had displayed impressive form at the tournament but was not good enough, allowing Dittmar to win in straight games 6-6, 9-4, 9-2.

Suggest

The left-handed Dittmar has yet to beat Jansher but displayed sufficient talent to suggest Jansher will not have everything his own way, despite previous dominance.

Devoy had to work hard to beat fourth seed Martine Le Moignan of England who displayed strength and great racket skills to take one game off Devoy.

Devoy will meet England's Lisa Opi, the second seed in her quest to win her fifth New Zealand Open. Although Opi entered the tournament short of match practice she looked impressive in repelling the strong challenge of New Zealand number two Joanne Williams.

Nannini to stay at Benetton

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug. 27. (Reuters) Italian Alessandro Nannini has agreed to stay with the Benetton Formula One motor racing team until the end of the 1990 season, the team announced today.

Nannini, 29, joined Benetton this year after two seasons with Minardi and has proved himself an exceptionally promising driver with several fine races this season including a third-place finish at the British Grand Prix.

"This move by Benetton is the start of a new long-term planning strategy aimed at consolidating the team's position in Grand Prix racing," said the team in an official statement.

Benetton, formerly Toleman, began Grand Prix racing in 1981 and the Belgian Grand Prix is the 100th contested by the team who this season are powered by Ford engines.

By a coincidence, the Belgian Grand Prix is also a major landmark for Ford — it is the 300th they have contested as engine suppliers to Formula One teams.

Lendl and Becker reach semifinals

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 27. (Reuters) Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker, two of the favourites at next week's US Open, struggled but came through in quarterfinal matches at the Hamlet Cup Challenge tennis tournament yesterday.

World number one Lendl advanced when eighth-seeded Swede Anders Jarryd was forced to retire because of sore feet with the match tied at one set apiece.

Becker beat Amos Mansdorf of Israel 7-6 (10-8) 7-5.

Retired

Lendl lost a first-set tiebreaker but came back to win the second set 7-5 before Jarryd retired.

"I played awful today," Lendl said. "I couldn't get anything off my racket. My footwork was bad. I was slow."

Despite the close score, Becker was pleased with his game.

"I thought I played extremely well. I'm ready for the Open. I have no problems," said the West German, who had taken the last two weeks off to rest his own sore feet.

Jarryd, ranked 19th in the world, enjoyed a good day at the service line as he pounded in 11 aces and held a service break with a 3-1 lead in the second set.

Lendl broke back in the sixth game to make it 3-3 and then broke a tiring Jarryd again in the 12th game to win the set.

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"With the US Open starting next week, I felt I better take care of my feet. If this had been a match at the Open, I would have stayed and played."

Mansdorf, ranked 23rd in the world and a winner over the fifth-ranked Becker earlier this year in Orlando, Fla., again duelled the West German impressively.

They both held service throughout the first set and Becker

reached triple set point with a 6-3 lead in the tiebreaker. But Mansdorf battled back and drew even with two service winners and a crosscourt return.

Mansdorf saved another set point at 7-6 and won the next two points for a set point of his own. But Becker hit a volley winner, served an ace and then won the set with a backhand crosscourt winner against Mansdorf's service.

The second set again went on service with Becker belting four aces to win the 10th game, to make it 5-5. At 30-all in the 11th game, Becker got the benefit of a corrected call by the chair umpire and broke service when Mansdorf hit a forehand long.

Complained

"It was a late call and the linesman was not in position," Mansdorf complained later.

Becker disagreed. "I saw it as clearly out and didn't even try to hit the ball."

The other two leading seeds — Andre Agassi and Yannick

Noah — struggled through in the night programme, their progress delayed not so much by their opponents as by swarms of gnats that forced a delay of 78 minutes.

Noah, the fourth seed, beat American Jim Courier 6-4 3-6 6-4, and second seed Agassi defeated Sweden's Jonas B. Svensson 7-5 6-3 but the bugs caused the biggest stir.

The gnat-attack was so bad that not only were the players ushered off the court but the 3,200 spectators had to leave the scene.

Exterminators blew clouds of chemicals over the stadium to clear out the insects and play was finally able to resume.

In today's semifinals, Noah was to play Lendl, and Agassi, winner of six tournaments this year, was to meet Becker who beat him at Indian Wells in February.

"I've improved a lot since February and it will be interesting to see if Becker can attack my second service like he did then," said Agassi.

Women's golf

CRANSTON, R.I., Aug. 27. (Reuters) Britain's Caroline Pierce joined three Americans in a four-way tie for the lead after the opening round of the \$150,000 Ocean State Open women's golf tournament yesterday.

Joining Pierce at three-under-par 69 were Jerilyn Britz, local favourite Sally Quinlan and Kathryn Young. Each member of the quartet posted four birdies and one bogey over the 6,210-yard Alpine Country Club Course.

Baker-Finch and Reid share lead

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 27. (Reuters) Australian Ian Baker-Finch and American Mike Reid made their moves and finished at the top of the list after the second round of the \$900,000 World Series of Golf yesterday.

Reid did it with a splendid five-under-par 65 on a bright, sunny afternoon at the Firestone Country Club, while Baker-Finch had a 67 as the pair completed 36 holes with totals of five-under-par 135.

Sandy Lyle of Britain fired a four-under-par 31 on the incoming nine on his way to a 67 that put him one stroke back at 136. American Lanny Wadkins, after a 66, was alone in fourth place at three-under 137.

David Feherty of Ireland and Mark Brooks were tied at 138. Bruce Lietzke was alone at 139, while Blaine McCallister, the first-round leader after a 67, had a 73 yesterday for 140.

Reid's success has come as a bit of a surprise since Firestone is one of the longest courses on the tour at 7,136 yards and Reid is considered one of the shorter hitters.

"I keep feeling like Mike Reid shouldn't be doing this, making six birdies at Firestone (he had one bogey)," Reid said with a laugh. "It's too early to think about winning. I just have to stay patient."

Zablan leads qualifiers into second round



Adnan Khalil throws the first bowl to open the tournament.

RUDY ZABLAN, of the Philippines, led 48 qualifiers into the second round of the 2nd Masters Bowling Tournament after posting a score of 607 at the 300 Club Silver Tower over the weekend.

Zablan, with scores of 223, 174 and 210 in his three games, finished ahead of Tony Lascos (594) and Carl Baginda (583). Baginda took the High Game of the day

with 234 pinfalls. In the women's division, Eva Sabay topped the elimination round with 515 pinfalls while Filipinas Baby Militante and Cora Paras were second and third respectively with scores of 502 and 498. Militante got the High Game with a score of 199.

The tournament was opened by Adnan Khalil, the general



Some of the qualifiers. (Photos by Javed Basra)

manager of Far East Restaurant — the sponsors, while the oath of sportsmanship was led by defending champion Bob Peek.

The 48 qualifiers, including 17 seeded players — who did not compete in the first round, will play in the next round on Sept 1 and bowl for three games.

The 48 qualifiers are (all from Philippines except where men-

tioned otherwise): 1. Rudy Zablan 607; 2. Tony Lascos 594; 3. Carl Baginda 583; 4. Mumb Hamdan 569; 5. Jun Cheng 567; 6. Vic Paras 562; 7. George Gaerlan 556; 8. Mando Alejandro 556; 9. Bobby Bautista 549; 10. Mads Garcia 544; 11. Amkul S. Thailand 544; 12. Pete Nigro 535; 13. An Chai 533; 14. Jimmy Tadana 532; 15. Mac Amplayo 528; 16. Mars Balisi 526; 17. Boy De Jesus 519; 18. Nafiz Fauz, Palestine 518; 19. Ryan Abdon 515; 20. Samer Peter, Palestine 515; 21. Rico Pina 513; 22. Peping Ilagan 513; 23. Joe Bilog 512; 24. Mohamed Darwish, Kuwait 511; 25. Norman

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Senna keeps pole spot in Belgian Grand Prix

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug. 27. (Reuters) World championship leader Ayrton Senna retained pole position for tomorrow's Belgian Grand Prix with the minimum of bother today when he emerged unscathed from a rain-hit final qualifying session in the forests of the Ardennes.

Senna spent most of the final timed hour waiting for a downpour to relent before emerging for four laps of the 6.9-kilometre Spa-Francorchamps track in the closing minutes in a bid to maintain his extraordinary record of supremacy in qualifying this season.

Then, despite making a big effort, he was forced to content himself with only the fourth quickest time behind Martin Brundle who proved to be a worthy Williams replacement for fellow-Briton Nigel Mansell with a bold and assured performance in the atrocious conditions.

Slower Brundle's fastest time of two minutes 14.517 seconds was 21 seconds slower than Senna's pole position time recorded yesterday, however, and the Brazilian was never in any danger of failing to claim his ninth pole of the season and 25th of his career.

Senna, who is level on 66 points with McLaren team-mate Alain Prost at the head of the world championship, but ahead on wins by six to four, will share the front row of the grid with the Frenchman who chose not to risk the treacherous conditions today.



Prost gets a massage as Senna (left) looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

The Ferrari of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto will fill the second row of the grid ahead of the leading normally-aspirated contenders Riccardo Patrese of Italy in a Williams and Belgian Thierry Boutsen in a Benetton.

Senna, who tested his spare car during the free session in the morning, said he used only the afternoon session "to check out the race car... there were no problems. The wet weather race set-up feels fine."

Prost, who loathes driving in the rain, spent the session watching his rivals in action from the pit wall. Afterwards he said: "The most amusing thing was watching everybody else's eyes watching me."

"It's really funny — Formula One now is a big psychological campaign. I could see them all thinking 'it's raining and he won't go out of the pits'."

Brundle, driving in his first Grand Prix of the season and wearing Patrese's oversized spare overalls, was delighted with his performance and the handling of his Williams car.

But he admitted he was disappointed the wet weather had ended his hopes of improving his grid position. "I really believe I could have been on normally-aspirated pole if it hadn't rained," he said.

Called

The Briton, who lies second in the Sports Car Championship as a Jaguar driver, was called in as a late replacement for Mansell who is still ill after going down with chicken pox four weeks ago.

A spokesman for Mansell said the driver had acute chicken pox and had been admitted to hospital in the Isle of Man this morning for a weekend of tests and observation.

SPORTS

RUSH WATCHES ALDRIDGE HIT HAT-TRICK

Liverpool blast aside Charlton

LONDON, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Ian Rush watched from the substitutes' bench as John Aldridge, the player whose place in the Liverpool side is most threatened by his return, hit a hat-trick as the English League season began today.

Aldridge, who scored both Liverpool goals in the Charity Shield win over Wimbledon last week, led the champions to a crushing 3-0 away win over Charlton.

But he had to share the opening day limelight with Tony Cottee. Everton's £2.5 million (\$4.2 million) signing from West Ham, and Arsenal's Alan Smith, who also collected hat-tricks.

Cottee gave his new club an immediate return on their huge investment by scoring after only 34 seconds — the quickest goal of the League programme — as Everton, determined to end Merseyside rivals Liverpool's domination of the championship, swept to a 4-0 win over Newcastle.

Smith's hat-trick was at the expense of FA Cup holders Wimbledon, who suffered an embarrassing 5-1 home defeat despite the boost of a seventh minute goal by John Fashanu.

Defending Scottish champions Glasgow Celtic were left just as red-faced after crashing to a 5-1 defeat by arch rivals Glasgow Rangers. They, too, had flattered to deceive with an early goal from Frank McAvennie, his sixth of the season.

Welsh international Rush, who re-joined Liverpool from Juventus of Italy last week, had



Liverpool's Ray Houghton (centre) under pressure from Charlton's Paul Miller (left) and Steve Gritt. (Reuters wirephoto)

more than 20 cameras trained on him during the warm-up before the match.

But Aldridge appeared quite unnerved by all the attention being lavished on one of Anfield's favourite sons and continued his impressive start of the season by heading in John Barnes' teasing cross in the 24th minute.

Liverpool, 6-4 on favourites to win their 10th title in 14 seasons, were rarely extended and Aldridge completed an excellent day's work by scoring twice more

early in the second half. Everton, who spent heavily in the close season in a bid to win their local feud with Liverpool, made a dream start with Cottee's first-minute strike.

The goal flooded him with confidence and he scored again in the 31st and 61st minutes. Graeme Sharp added the fourth five minutes from time to complete a miserable debut for Newcastle goalkeeper Dave Beasant, an £800,000 (\$1.35 million) buy from Wimbledon.

Arsenal, who failed to tempt

Cottee to Highbury, made Wimbledon pay a heavy price for Fashanu's early goal.

An own goal by inexperienced goalkeeper Simon Tracy put Arsenal level and Smith then struck in the 23rd, 27th and 48th minutes. Paul Merson completed the rout five minutes from time.

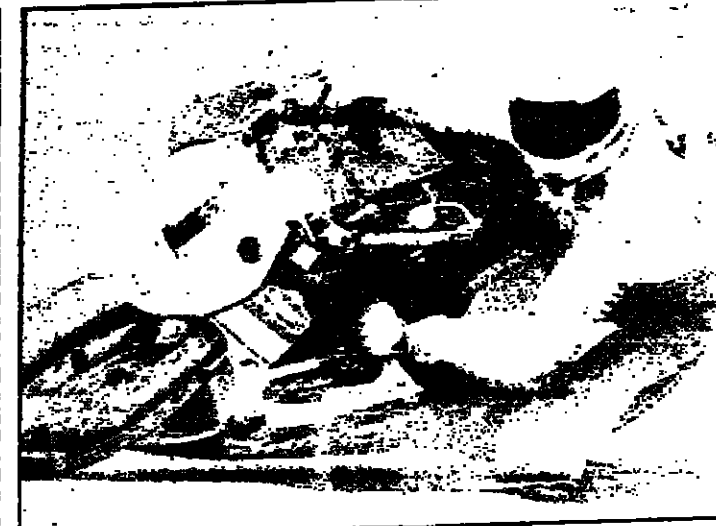
While Arsenal were enjoying themselves at Plough Lane, the smallest ground in the First Division, north London rivals Tottenham were forced to kick their heels after their match against Coventry was called off because essential safety work at their plush White Hart Lane stadium had not been completed.

Manchester United, widely tipped to mount a serious challenge for the title after the close season signings of Welsh international striker Mark Hughes and Scotland goalkeeper Jim Leighton, also had a bad day. They were held to a goalless draw at home by Queen's Park Rangers.

Glasgow Rangers, who lost three of their four matches against Celtic last season, scored three times in the space of 17 minutes in the second half to see off their neighbours' challenge.

Results
English Division One
Aston Villa 2 Millwall 2
Charlton 0 Liverpool 3
Derby 1 Middlesbrough 0
Everton 4 Newcastle 0
Manchester U 0 QPR 0
Norwich 2 Notts Forest 0
Sheffield Wed 1 Luton 0
Tottenham v Coventry postponed
Wimbledon 5 Arsenal 0
Brighton 1 Bradford 3

Chelsea	1	Blackburn	2
Hull	1	Manchester C	0
Leeds	1	Oxford	1
Leicester	1	West Brom	1
Oldham	1	Barnsey	1
Sheff Wed	1	Preston	2
Stoke	1	Ipwich	1
Sunderland	1	Bournemouth	1
Swindon v Crystal	postponed		
Walsall	2	Plymouth	2
Wolves	1	Birmingham	0
Worcester	1		
English Division Three			
Brentford	1	Huddersfield	0
Bristol R	3	Wigan	2
Bury	3	Wolves	1
Cardiff	1	Fulham	2
Chesham	2	Blackpool	1
Gillingham	2	Swansea	1
Grimsby	2	Northampton	1
Harrogate	1	Bristol C	0
Leamington	1	Port Vale	3
Reading	1	Sheff U	0
Southend	2	Doncaster	0
Scottish Premier Division			
Dundee	2	Motherwell	1
Hamilton	1	Hearts	0
Hibernian	0	Celtic	0
Rangers	5	Dundee	0
St Mirren	0		
English Division Four			
Barnley	2	Rochdale	1
Cambridge	4	Grimsby	1
Carlisle	2	Peterborough	0
Colchester	1	York	2
Darlington	1	Stockport	4
Exeter	0	Wrexham	2
Leyton O	0	Crewe	0
Lincoln	0	Hartlepool	0
Rotherham	3	Doncaster	0
Scarborough	0	Tranmere	0
Scunthorpe	3	Harford	1
Torquay	0	Halifax	1
Scottish Division One			
Aberdeen	3	Queen of S	0
Dunfermline	2	Raith	0
Forfar	1	St Johnstone	0
Kilmarnock	2	Ayr	1
Meadowbank	2	Falkirk	0
Morton	1	Clydebank	0
Scottish Division Two			
Arbroath	2	Alloa	2
Dumfries	0	Queen's Park	2
East Fife	4	Cowdenbeath	1
Montrose	0	Brechin	1
Stenhousemuir	1	E. Stirling	1
Stirling	2	Berwick	1
Stranraer	3	Albion	1



Gardner fastest in final GP practice

BRNO, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Wayne Gardner

will mount his last-ditch bid to retain motorcycle's World Championship crown from the front of the grid in tomorrow's 500cc Czechoslovak Grand Prix.

In today's final practice session, the Australian Honda rider, who could lose his title to American Eddie Lawson here, failed to better his first qualifying time of two minutes 05.55 seconds set yesterday.

But neither could anybody else — leaving Gardner, who must win on the swooping Brno circuit tomorrow if he is to have any chance of denying Lawson — safe at the front of the grid.

Lawson was one of the few leading riders to improve on his Friday performance. But the American's time was still nearly two seconds slower than Gardner's mark and he will begin the race from fifth position on the grid.

Gardner's nearest rival will be American Wayne Rainey, who was more than a second slower on his Yamaha and will start from second place.

Gardner is 23 points adrift of Lawson after a season troubled first by a power disadvantage

against the Yamahas and then by his Honda's bad handling.

Brno is the last race this year in Europe before the teams head for the final two rounds of the championship in Argentina and Brazil.

Gardner's chances of overhauling Lawson are slim. He has scored only three wins this year compared with the American's six and has suffered a number of high speed spills.

But Lawson has lived up to his nickname of 'Steady Eddie', by backing up his victories with a series of strong finishes in the points.

French Yamaha rider Christian Sarron grabbed third place on the grid in the final session while fourth fastest was the Honda of Briton Niall McKenzie.

Leading qualifying times:

1. Wayne Gardner (Australia)	Honda two minutes 05.55 secs (average speed 154.667 kph)
2. Wayne Rainey (U.S.)	2:06.80
3. Christian Sarron (France)	2:06.86
4. Niall McKenzie (Britain)	2:07.05
5. Eddie Lawson (U.S.)	2:07.20
6. Kevin Schwantz (U.S.)	2:07.39
Suzuki	

Kankkunen closes gap on Alen in 1,000 Lakes Rally

JYVASKYLA, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Markku Alen's lead over Juha Kankkunen in the 1,000 Lakes Rally was cut to just one second after 25 stages of the 39-stage race today.

Pre-rally favourite Alen, in a Lancia Delta Integrale, had led his Finnish compatriot by 11 seconds after 21 stages when the cars regrouped near the city of Tampere.

Change
Kankkunen, driving a Toyota Celica 2000 GT-Four, took the opportunity of the stop to change a gearbox which had been giving him trouble earlier in the day.

Sweden's Mikael Ericsson, in another Lancia Delta Integrale, remained third after 25 stages.

The drivers were due to finish 30 stages before stopping for the night near Jyväskylä. Tomorrow will be the final nine stages.

Alen, third in the World Drivers' Championship, is seeking his sixth win in the 1,000 Lakes.

Didier Auriol of France, driving a Ford Sierra RS Cosworth, also changed a troublesome gearbox before racing resumed and was joint fifth with Italy's Alessandro Fiorio in another Lancia Delta Integrale after 25 stages.

Finland's Hannu Mikkola, fourth overnight, retired today with engine trouble while Ari Vatanen went off the road in his BMW M3. Mikael Sundstrom, fifth after yesterday's 12 stages, did not start today.

New Zealand going to court after races

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 27, (Reuters): The New Zealand challenge for the America's Cup said yesterday they did not plan to hoist a protest flag over the San Diego defenders' use of a catamaran but would instead go right to the law courts after the races.

"Sail America will have the Cup down to the engravers as soon as they cross the (finish) line, while I'm on my way to file papers," said Andrew Johns, lawyer to New Zealand syndicate chief Michael Fay.

Johns said he was already preparing the court case so he would be ready by the conclusion of the best-of-three series scheduled to begin on September 7 off San Diego waters.

"The San Diego Yacht Club agreed that they would refer issues of the deed of gift to the Supreme Court of New Zealand," Johns told Reuters.

Issues

He said a protest flag would not be in order because the international jury specialised in yacht racing rules and "were not a tribunal which handles issues of law."

Johns said he wanted Stars and Stripes disqualified for defending in a multihull against the monohull of New Zealand. He suggested the defenders engrave the letters D-S-Q, for disqualified, next to the San Diego Yacht Club's name.

The America's Cup sailing camps plan to sail two radically different boats — New Zealand's 40-metre monohull versus the 18-metre catamaran of Stars and Stripes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Roma striker

ROME, Aug. 27, (UPI): AS Roma's 33-year-old striker Roberto Pruzzo looks set to become the first Italian player to move to the Brazilian Soccer League. Pruzzo, who has spent 10 years with Roma, is aiming for a deal which would take him to Sao Paulo side Santos, the old stamping ground of the legendary Pele.

Zenga injured

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 27, (UPI): Inter-Milan's Italian soccer international Walter Zenga, who came back in record time this summer following knee surgery, has reinjured the joint. Zenga fell on his left knee during a Wednesday night Cup match, stretching the freshly healed ligaments.

Diego Maradona

ROME, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Diego Maradona will face disciplinary action for accusing the referee of bias in Napoli's 2-0 defeat at Second Division Bari in a qualifying group match for the Italian Cup.

Kuwaiti squad

CAIRO, Aug. 27, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti judo squad clinched two silver and four bronze medals at Egypt's 5th International Judo Tournament for beginners, which concluded here yesterday.

Offer confirmed

NEW YORK, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Bill Cayton, manager of heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, confirmed yesterday that he had offered Mitch Green a bout with Tyson if he could get himself ranked among the top 10 heavyweights.

Provident Classic

HIXSON, Tenn., Aug. 27, (Reuters): Phil Blackmar fired a six-under-par 64 to take the lead at the halfway point of the \$450,000 Provident Classic yesterday with a 36-hole total of 10-under-par 130.

US boxer

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 27, (Reuters): US junior lightweight boxer Noah Hammack, due to fight South Africa's Grant Mesias here on Monday, has been sent home after he showed signs of being "punch drunk," a boxing official said.

Japanese win

TOKYO, Aug. 27, (AP): The Japanese national team faces the South Korean team from Pusan in the final match of the second international football competition for boys after both teams won their matches today. Japan beat an Australian team 3-1.

Italy triumphs

ROUSE, Belgium, Aug. 27, (AP): Italy won the women's team trial event today at the World Road Cycling Championships, ahead of the Soviet Union and the United States.

Title fight

LONDON, Aug. 27, (UPI): Britain's European flyweight champion Duke McKenzie will challenge 186 lb world champion Rolando Bohol of the Philippines at the Wembley Conference Centre on Oct. 5. Bohol, who has made one defense of the title, has had 24 fights, losing two and drawing two.

Wendy Sly

LONDON, Aug. 27, (UPI): Wendy Sly, already selected for the 3,000 metres at the Seoul Olympics, wants to run the 10,000 too. Sly, 28, ran inside the qualifying standard of 33 minutes when she clocked 32:48.4 minutes in a race in south London. British team selectors will meet tomorrow to discuss additions to the Olympic team.

Austrian soccer

VIENNA, Aug. 27, (UPI): Soccer hooliganism took a new turn in Austria this week when FC Austria's goalkeeper Arno Wohlfahrt was struck by a smoke bomb in the final stages of a First Division match with FC Tirol in Innsbruck on Wednesday. He received second degree burns to his hand.

Sabonis fit

MOSCOW, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Soviet basketball star Arvidas Sabonis has been declared fit for the Olympics after receiving treatment in the United States for Achilles tendon injuries which have kept him out of the game for 18 months.

W. German soccer

BONN, Aug. 27, (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results today:	
Stuttgart	0
Bayern Munich	5 Kaiserslautern
Hanover	2 Bayer
Berussia D	0 Borussia M
Nuremberg	0 Bochum
Cologne	3 Karlsruhe
Waldhof M	1 Werder Bremen
Played yesterday:	
St Pauli	2 VfB Stuttgart
Bayer Uerdingen	4 Eintracht

Metcalfe hits double century for Yorkshire

LONDON, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Ashley Metcalfe yesterday reminded the selectors that he should be on the England short list for the winter tour to India with an unbeaten double century against Middlesex as Yorkshire built their highest County Championship score for 35 years.

Metcalfe hit a career-best 216 not out at Headingley, the best score by a Yorkshire batsman since Geoff Boycott made 233 against Essex in 1971.

Metcalfe, 109 overnight, was at the crease for nine-and-a-quarter hours, celebrating his double century with a straight six off Jamie Sykes, and hitting 20 fours from 508 balls received.

His third-wicket stand with Phil Robinson (88) added 203 and Middlesex came under heavy fire when Jim Love came into his third sixes in his unbeaten 70 from 86 balls as Yorkshire declared at 463 for three.

Will Slack made 75 in Middlesex's hearty reply of 164 for two.

Defiant Sussex stopped the charge of leaders Kent at Maidstone as they reached 160 for one in their second innings to lead by 111 with an unbroken second-wicket stand of 124 between Neil Lenham (66) and captain Paul Parker (77).

Kent had been bowled out for 233 for a first-innings lead of 49. Roy Pienaar hitting 12 boundaries in an attractive 72.

Martin Weston led second-placed Worcestershire's recovery with an unbeaten 95, including 14 fours, to ensure a first innings lead of 83 against Warwickshire at Worcester.

England paceman Gladstone Small was the pick of the bowlers with five for 95.

Brand equals course record

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 27, (Reuters): Britain's Gordon Brand Jr equalled his own course record 62 to seize the lead in today's third round of the West German Golf Open on a day when Seve Ballesteros could scarcely believe the scoring.

Brand seven-birdie one-eagle round was matched by compatriot Richard Boxall, who stayed one shot behind with Ballesteros third another two shots back after a 65.

British Open champion Ballesteros, chasing his third European victory in succession, dropped a stroke at the last hole after covering the previous eight in six under par. "I was two behind overnight and I can't believe I'm a shot further back after a 65. The scoring is unbelievable," the Spaniard said.

Australians Peter Senior with a 66 and Mike Harwood (68) ended one stroke further back with Britain's Denis Durnan.

Sri Lanka struggle to avoid defeat

LONDON, Aug. 27, (Reuters): England pace bowlers Neil Foster and Phil Newport struck to dismiss Sri Lanka's opening batsmen and leave the visitors facing almost certain defeat on the third day of their cricket Test at Lord's today.

Trailing by 235 on first innings after England were all out for 429, Sri Lanka were 92 for two at the close, still 143 behind.

Foster struck first after a lively opening partnership between Brendon Kuruppu and Amal Silva had put 43 on the board. He induced a bat-pad chance off Kuruppu and Kim Barnett, fielding close in at short square, dived forward to take a neat catch.

Dropped
Kuruppu, who had been the main aggressor, scored 25 and eight runs later Silva, who had made 16, followed him. Wicket-keeper Jack Russell, who dropped two chances in his first innings, made a superb one-handed catch diving to his left in front of first slip after Silva edged a delivery from Newport.

That left Sri Lanka deep in trouble at 51 for two, but Athula

Samarasekera and Aravinda de Silva shared in an unbroken third wicket partnership of 41 to prevent any further England success.

At the close, Samarasekera was unbeaten on 30 and De Silva 15.

Although England built up a handsome first innings lead, their batsmen failed to take full advantage of an easy-paced, pitch and some fairly gentle bowling.

After an early period of non-chalant dominance from Allan Lamb, England lost their last seven wickets for 109 runs.

Kim Barnett added only 11 to his overnight 55 before he edged a catch to first slip and Lamb was deceived by Labrooy's slower ball and bowled for 63.

Robin Smith looked as if he was going to help himself to a sizeable score but, when he had made 31, he dragged a ball from Arjuna Ranatunga onto his stumps.

Only Newport, with a crisply struck 26, showed any confidence as the England tail folded meekly. Labrooy was the most successful bowler, taking four



Lamb: hit 63 for 119.

But with two days remaining, Sri Lanka's best hope must be for rain if they are to avoid defeat.

Scoreboard
SRI LANKA first innings 194 (R. Ranatunga 59 not out, B. Kuruppu 46, G. Labrooy 42).

Olympic flame arrives in South Korea

CHEJU, South Korea, Aug. 27, (AP): The Olympic flame arrived from Greece in the rain today for a torch relay across South Korea, heralding the start in 21 days of the biggest summer Games ever.

"The curtain on the Seoul Olympics has been raised," declared Park Seh-Jik, president of the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee.

Downpours that soaked the robes of hundreds of Korean dancers on a green carpet on the airport tarmac ended 15 minutes before the plane bearing the flame landed on its flight from Greece via Thailand.

There were sprinkles throughout the welcoming ceremonies, and another downpour hit soon after the torch started on its way around Cheju, South Korea's southernmost major island.

Lights
A 4,168-kilometre (2,605-mile) relay will take the torch through all of South Korea's major cities before it lights the flame in Seoul's Olympic stadium in the summer Games' opening ceremonies on Sept. 17.

The flame carriers — on foot, horseback, ship, motorcycle, bicycle and wheelchair — actually will use 2,600 different torches as they pass the flame along the route.

More than 10,000 athletes from 161 nations are expected to compete for 237 gold medals in 23 sports.

"For the past seven years, we have made every effort for this moment. We are now being compensated with emotion for our efforts," Park told about 5,000 guests at the arrival ceremony.

"According to the proverb 'a good beginning is half done,' we



Lee Jae-Hee (right) and Kim Sang-Min hold the torch aloft. (Reuters wirephoto)

are already in the midst of the Seoul Olympics," Park added. "I am convinced that our efforts will make the Seoul Olympiad a great success and the Korean people will be glorified."

Seoul mayor Kim Yong-Nae brought the flame down from the plane in a safety lamp and lit a torch. Cheju governor Lee Goon-Bo then walked across the tarmac, between rows of dancers, and lit a large cauldron.

"It is now the whole island's earnest wish that the Seoul Olympics, pride of this nation, could successfully evolve into a festival of true harmony and progress, accelerating happiness and prosperity among members

of the global family," he said in his welcoming speech.

Young Korean scouts carried the flags of the 161 nations entering the Games in Seoul.

An exorcism ceremony to cleanse the area of evil spirits was followed by a dance drama that depicted the farming and fishing traditions of Cheju, an island of 500,000 people, now a popular destination for Korean honeymooners.

An island elder with a flowing white beard lit a torch from the cauldron and passed it to the first two of a total of 20,972 runners in the relay.

Kim Sang-Min, a 12-year-old boy, and Lee Jae-Hee, an 11-



Kim Yong-Nae (right) hands over the torch to Lee Goon-Bo. (Reuters wirephoto)

year-old girl, gripped the torch together, took it to the centre of the carpet and then began the run.

The flame was lit on Tuesday in ceremonies at the temple of Hera in Olympia, Greece, where the first Olympics were held in 776 BC. It was carried to Athens in a torch relay before being turned over to mayor Kim's Seoul delegation for the flight to Korea.

In travelling from the southernmost to the northernmost corner